

Dry is good, and something new, at Legion Mem'l

EVERETT, Wash. — A mammoth subsurface remodeling that transformed city-owned Legion Memorial Golf Course from often-muddy conditions to one of the driest facilities in the Puget Sound area will open in mid-1998.

Completed last fall, the project was carried out by Burns Golf Design of Fernandina Beach, Fla., and builder Daylen, Inc. of Fresno, Calif.

The \$4.7-million project includes more than \$1.3 million for drainage. In the past, the course, which averages more than 70,000 rounds a year, was plagued by extremely muddy conditions much of the time. Some 70 acres are being capped by a 6-inch sand layer over drainage lines installed on 50-foot centers.

The course dates back to the 1930s, and has basic greens, only a couple of sand bunkers, no irrigation and just a few drainage ditches. The remodeling will include rerouting of several holes, all new greens, more than double the existing tee space, and the addition of four new lakes, a waterfall and recirculating stream, and more than 50 sand bunkers.

The course will play to par 72 from five sets of tees, ranging from 4,705 to 6,737 yards.

Design 3 begins redo at Southfield

SOUTHFIELD, Mich. — The city of Southfield Parks and Recreation Department has begun renovations on Evergreen Hills Golf Course. The firm of Design 3, led by W. Bruce Matthews III and Victor Nelhiebel, has rerouted the existing nine hole course to accommodate an anticipated 60,000 rounds a year.

The renovation will feature large greens and tees, bentgrass fairways, and barrier-free accessibility. A 1.5-acre pond and wetland which embraces the finishing hole will be created, and 1.3 acres of woodland mitigation area will use preserved soils, flora and more than 140 native trees.

Turf Drain Inc. of Novi is the primary contractor. Kevin Kehoe, who heads the city of Southfield Golf Program, is overseeing construction, which is expected to be done May 29.

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Golf course architect Kelly Blake Moran has relocated offices and added apprentice architect S. Ramsey Walker Jr. The new headquarters are located at 609 Penn Ave., West Reading, Pa. 19611; telephone 610-371-8180.

Kay's New York CC design — vistas, elevation & more

NEW HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. — New York Country Club, a private 18-hole Stephen Kay design perched on the highlands west of the Tappan Zee Bridge, has opened for play.

"It's an interesting piece of property," said Bronxville-based Kay. "Because it's located at the parcel's highest elevation, the clubhouse has commanding views of Manhattan. It's a lovely vista, with the skyline in the distance and the course in the foreground."

Holes 1 and 10 play downhill away from the clubhouse, while 9 and 18 work their way back uphill. The remaining 14 holes play over rolling terrain, around wetlands that Kay took great care to preserve. In particular, the designers created several "filter bunkers" designed to protect the wetlands from run-off.

"There are six of these special bunkers, some as short as 30 yards but some as long

as 200 yards," said Kay. "They serve an important environmental purpose, but they're also quite appealing to the eye."

It measures just under 6,800 yards.

"New York CC does not have the contemporary look that's become so popular," said Kay. "Its character is quite old-fashioned. However, there are a lot of memorable holes out here, in part because the risk/reward equation is evident on every tee."

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