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DYE GETS HONORARY DOCTORATE

WEST LAFAYETTE, IND. — Purdue University will award an honorary doctoral degree in landscape architecture to golf course architect Pete Dye during commencement exercises May 16.



Pete Dye

A World War II veteran and former insurance salesman, Dye began his course design career with his wife Alice in the late-1950s. He has

been recognized as one of the premier architects of modern times, receiving the Donald Ross Award from the American Society of Golf Course Architects in 1995 and Golf World magazine's Architect of the Year award in 1994. He recently lent his expertise to the design and construction of the Birck Boiler-maker Golf Complex's Kampen Golf Course at Purdue (see story, page 1).

JOHNSTON, ZOELLER COLLABORATE

EDINBURGH, Ind., — Clyde Johnston is carving out Timbergate Golf Course, his third design collaboration in the Hoosier State and fifth with consultant and PGA Tour pro Fuzzy Zoeller. Timbergate is a municipal facility being developed by this town 25 miles south of Indianapolis. The town fathers approached Johnston after having viewed his joint effort with Zoeller on Covered Bridge Golf Club, located in the Tour star's hometown of Sellersburg, Ind.

MALAYSIA GETS FIRST PUBLIC COURSE

KUALA LUMPUR, M— Add to Malaysia's 150 golf courses the country's first public track and full-time golf academy. Scheduled to open in May, the course will be operated and managed by ASK Golf Management Sdn Bhd, the new company formed by A.S. Khamis, a veteran of the Malaysian golf industry. The course had not been named at press time.

HURDZAN TEACHING AT HARVARD

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Golf course architect Michael Hurdzan will teach a two-day course on "Environmental Impacts of Golf Courses" at Harvard Graduate School of Design here, July 18-19. Material will cover the past, present and future of the environmental movement as related to the evolution of golf courses, how environmentalists and golf course planners and developers can collaborate, and the detailed golf course planning process. People may contact Harvard at 617-496-8728.

Rulewich ends Jones era, launches solo signature

By MARK LESLIE

SOMERS, N.Y. — And the last shall be first...

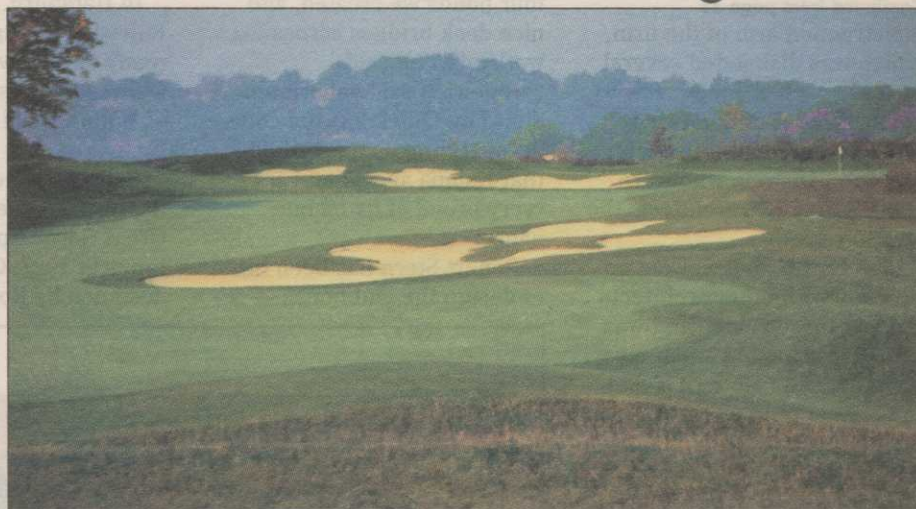
The openings of Anglebrook Golf Club here on May 15 and of Ballyowen Golf Club in Hamburg, N.J., on July 1 mark the convergence of two life paths for Roger Rulewich: the end of three decades as a lead architect with the legendary Robert Trent Jones Sr. and the beginning of another relationship with the team with whom he worked under the Jones tent.

Rulewich, who opened his own company in December 1995 after 34 years with Jones, is pleased with his last design under the Jones moniker: Anglebrook Golf Club. At the same time, he eyes the opening of his first Rulewich solo layout, Ballyowen Golf Club, with a look of glee.

"I'm working with the same people and with much of the same ideas, except nobody is looking over my shoulder. That's a nice feeling," Rulewich said. "As a group, we have seven shareholders and all of us worked for Mr. Jones. Nothing much has changed in many ways. But I feel more freedom and it's a great feeling."

Ballyowen Golf Club, which will give National Golf Development Co. its fourth of a projected 10 golf courses, is, in fact, the culmination of a dream of The Golf Group and The Rulewich Group, the two components of the old Jones company. The Golf Group is the

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The 7th hole at Anglebrook Golf Club in Somers, N.Y., above, is a 397-yard par-4. It is the last course designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr. with lead architect Roger Rulewich. Below is the par-3 6th hole at Ballyowen Golf Club in Hamburg, N.J., the first design by The Rulewich Group.



Beidel back to back in Pa. openers

By MARK LESLIE

MOUNTJOY, Pa. — Back-to-back home runs usually happen in baseball, but course architect Ed Beidel Jr. believes he has two in golf. The Beidel-designed Groff's Farm Golf Club here will be unveiled in a grand opening on May 27, followed the next day by the grand opening of Beidel's Turtle Creek Golf Course in Limerick.

Two 18-hole public golf courses opening a day apart — both laid out in a links style and both stressing strategy and variety — might be an oddity for a fellow headquartered four states away, in Mount Pleasant, S.C. But Beidel is no stranger to Pennsylvania, having worked for X.G. Hassenplug for 16 years before starting

his own firm in late 1992.

The Mount Joy project is developed on the 133-acre Lancaster County farm of the Groff family — Abram and Betty Groff and their son and daughter-in-law, Charles and Cindy. Betty Groff is renowned for her country recipe books and restaurant that sits in a building that now serves as the clubhouse.

Groff's Farm Golf Club had a "soft opening" March 1.

"There are some great offsite views of adjacent farmlands, and those farms are immaculate," Beidel said.

The par-71 track plays from 4,900 to 6,400 yards from four sets of tees.

"It is a shorter course, but it will chal-

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Only the longer hitters at Turtle Creek Golf Course will try to go for the 8th hole's 5,500-square-foot green in two. On this 538-yard par-5, a potential birdie or par can quickly become a bogey or double bogey if the player fails to execute the required shot. Ed Beidel Jr. designed the 18-hole public course in Limerick, Pa.

Bell tells architects they are the 'dream makers' of the game

By MARK LESLIE

LOS ANGELES — When Judy Bell was a little tyke just learning the game of golf, she designed "a golf course," building a short layout in her backyard using tin cans for cups. Today, she is president of the United States Golf Association, with a list of credentials long enough to earn the Donald Ross Award from people who design real golf courses for a living: the American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA).



Judy Bell

Accepting the award during the organization's annual conference here in late April, Bell said: "I think members of the ASGCA are the dream makers when it comes to the game. If we ever have a golf center, your station will be the journey into the imagination."

Speaking at the banquet at the Riviera Club, Bell added: "Other sports are perhaps quicker and more reactive. And although they

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Rulewich signature now solo

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construction arm of the firm, which was disbanded several years ago when Jones, now 91, semiretired. The Rulewich Group consists of Rulewich and John Harvey, who were Jones's only two architects the last 10 years.

The Golf Group worked on projects with other architects the last three years, "but was waiting for me to launch my own practice," Rulewich said, in order to reunite.

The Japanese firms Kajima and Mitsui Kanko Kaihatsu, who developed the 18-hole Anglebrook Golf Club as a private club for Japanese nationals living in the Westchester County area, insisted that Rulewich and The Golf Group remain involved in the project.

Anglebrook is a true golf club, with no housing or other facilities, Rulewich said. The developers signed a contract in 1989 and took six years going through the permit process and then spending millions of dollars instituting "some extraordinary erosion-control measures during construction," including sedimentation retention basins and a coagulation pond for chemical treatment of the water.

Since the property sits in the New York City watershed, the city twice brought suit regarding erosion control and to stop impacts on the 60 acres of wetlands on the property. But the developers won the cases. Part of the mediation will be ongoing monitoring of water runoff from the golf course.

Built in a community known as the Home of the American Circus and boasting the old Elephant Hotel as its current town hall, Anglebrook will provide entertainment of another kind, according to Rulewich.

Meandering over two valleys and the slopes up either side, the golf course "moves very nicely over the terrain," he said. "It is fairly rugged and there are nice views on the high spots."

Covering from 5,000 to 7,100 yards over multiple tees and playing to a par 72, Anglebrook displays the bold, scalloped trapping and style affiliated with Robert Trent Jones Sr.

"Fortunately, we were able to generate enough width on the holes," Rulewich said. "It's a wide course with expanded fairways built for the clientele. The Japanese would not be comfortable with a narrow, tight course."

The developers built "a lot of beautiful stonework along the

four ponds we created, and nice deck bridges across wetlands," he said.

Rulewich said superintendent Lou Quick has the course in "sparkling shape," adding that Kajima and Mitsui are "very proud of its maintenance."

Robert Stern has been hired to design the clubhouse — a

traditional English Tudor style building.

In Hamburg, N.J., the first Rulewich Group course stands ready to be unveiled at Great Gorge Golf Reserve, a project of National Golf Development Co.

Ballyowen Golf Club will join the nearby nine-hole executive Great Gorge Spa designed by Jones in 1987; Crystal Springs, designed by Robert von Hagge

in 1991; and Black Bear Golf Club, designed in-house in 1996.

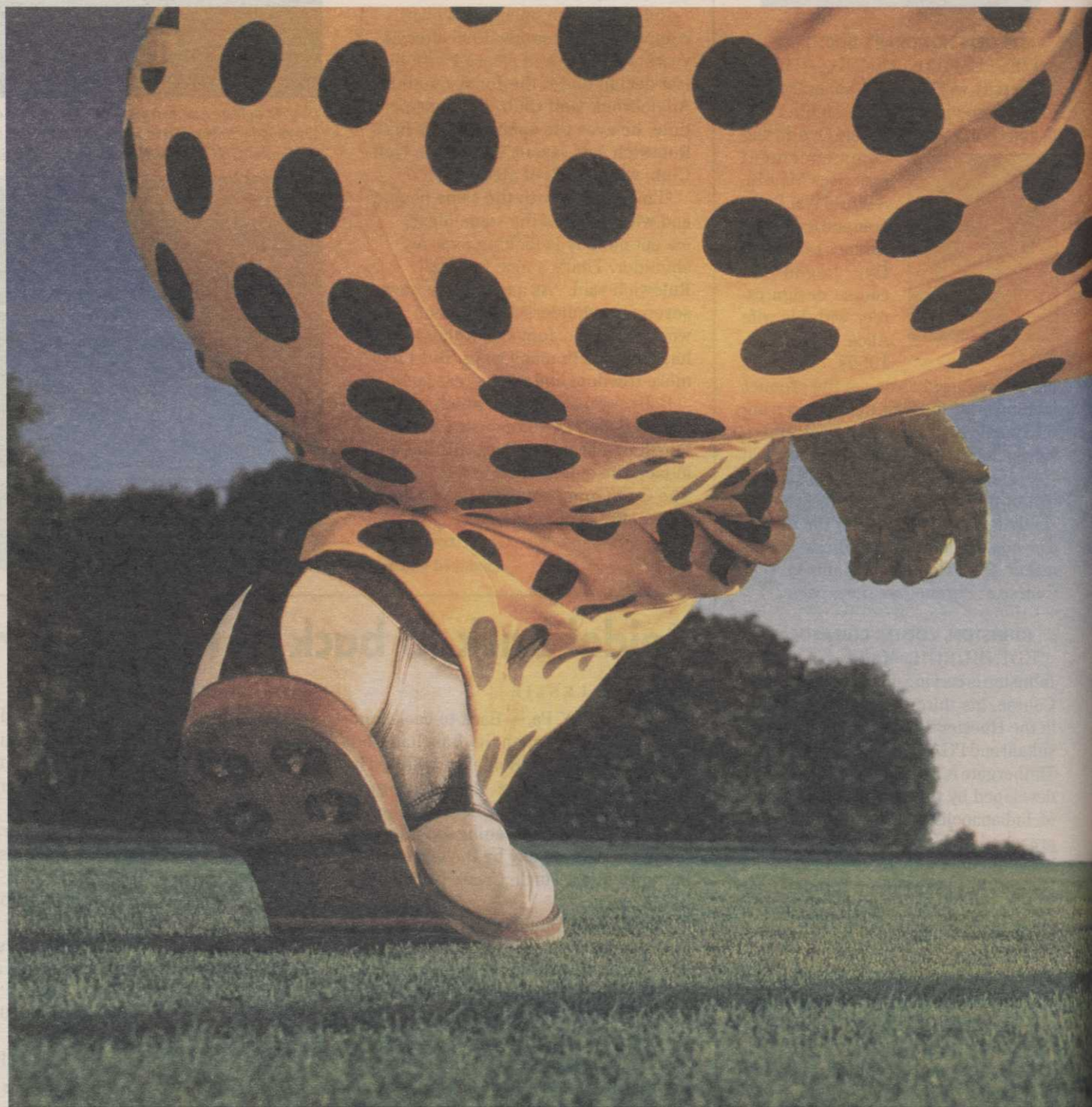
"We're starting another course this summer and one in the fall," said National Golf Development Director of Development Jack Kurlander. "We're trying to put up a Pinehurst of the Metropolitan area, with upscale, top-quality courses designed by 'name' architects to offer to the

Metropolitan market."

Developer Gene Mulvihill, who has been involved in such projects as ski areas and an action park, is the driving force in the project.

"Probably the most amazing story is that we didn't start construction until last May 15 and we finished on Sept. 15," Rulewich said. Golf Group built the course and the developer

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We never said you wouldn't see unattractive spots on your course. They just won't be dollar spots.

Bell commends architects for keeping the game 'fun'

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require imagination to some extent, none are required to the lengths that golf demands it, and it starts with the course that challenges the golfer's imagination. As you ... do these wonderful courses, putting your special mark on the game, I commend you for building tees that are

closer to greens, using the natural attributes of the land you are given, and, most of all, remembering that this game is supposed to be fun."

Bell lamented that many golfers want "everything just perfect," and added: "I think the bounces and runs and swales are part of the game."

Presented annually since 1976, The Donald Ross award is given to people who have made significant contributions to golf, particularly in the field of design.

Bell was cited for "her outstanding ability as a tournament player and a Curtis Cup captain, businesswoman and president of the United States Golf Associa-

tion, especially for her long history of selecting the very best courses for tournament play, which has helped millions watching on television appreciate the important role golf course architects have in the great game of golf. And, most importantly, taking the time to disseminate the commitment to an outstanding

golf course to local, regional and national golf administrators, thus underscoring the importance of golf course architecture."

The award was presented on the 50th anniversary of the death of Donald Ross, who designed 412 golf courses and co-founded the ASGCA.

Bell, coincidentally, grew up and has an office at Broadmoor Golf Club in Colorado Springs, Colo., which boasts courses designed by Ross and the first Ross Award recipient, Robert Trent Jones Sr.

Rulewich solo

Continued from previous page brought in other equipment and contractors for heavy earthwork.

The 250-acre course has no housing around it.

"It's beautiful land set on high ground," Rulewich said. "There is a high rim around the property where the clubhouse has views of the entire course and even as far as High Point Monument in High Point Park."

Not a tree is on the property, allowing Rulewich and Harvey to design a links-style course "but on a big scale."

Several ridges and areas of rock have been left exposed as a unique look for the course.

Three holes play in or around a five-acre lake, and two par-3s play across a smaller lake on the low section of the property.

Rulewich singled out the 2nd hole as a favorite. The short par-4 plays around the rim of a steep drop-off down into a valley.

"You can play around the rim and take as much off the corner as you want," he said.

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Meanwhile, in Prattville, Ala., eight miles north of Montgomery, Rulewich and Jones are serving as co-architects on three, and perhaps four, new courses for the Jones Trail.

Working with Sunbelt Corp., which operates the 18 existing Jones Trail courses for the Retirement Systems of Alabama, Rulewich and Jones hope to have their three newest creations open around Thanksgiving.

"We have the land for the 22nd course on that property and are considering it now," said Sunbelt President Bobby Vaughn.

The 18 current Jones Trail courses are handling a half million rounds a year, Vaughn said, adding: "You don't want to dilute the quality. We want to stay in the 400,000- to 500,000-a-year range."



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