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GARL ADDS MCFARLANE TO DESIGN FIRM
Architect Ron Garl (right) has added Scotsman Steven McFarlane to his design team. McFarlane is expected to bring additional expertise to Garl's growing portfolio of international and domestic projects. See story on page 44.

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Pre-opening sparks fly at Roaring Fork

By MARK LESLIE

ASPEN, Colo. — The Roaring Fork Club is opening July 1, but the spotlight may already have been stolen by a criminal court case in which the project manager for the development will stand trial on three counts of felony theft and one of failure to appear.

Michael Bolton is charged with allegedly stealing \$230,000 in cash from the Roaring Fork Club during three separate six-month periods.

Each is a Class 3 felony punishable by up to 24 years in jail, according to Pitkin County Assistant

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NORMAN TO OPEN FIRST COURSE IN SOUTH CAROLINA

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Above is a view of The Reserve Golf Club's No. 5, a mid-length par-4. Waste bunkers at the Greg Norman-designed Reserve are filled with native red sand and provide a strong contrast to the Feldspar sand traps. It marks Norman's first course in the Carolinas and is expected to open officially in late April.

Eco-Soil inks innovative deal with Chubb

By M. LEVANS

SAN DIEGO — On the heels of its EPA approval for the use and distribution of its biopesticide,

Spot-Less, though the BioJect biological distribution system (GCN, March '99), Eco-Soil has inked a deal with Chubb Insurance that offers comprehensive coverage at a reduced rate for users of the company's system.

Under the guidelines of the deal, Eco-Soil customers using Chubb insurance will be provided expanded liability, environmental liability and expanded prop-

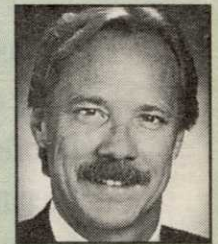
CMAA faces 'image' issue

By PETER BLAIS

SAN FRANCISCO — Enhancing the club manager's image and the election of a new slate of officers, including the organization's first female officer, were the foci of the Club Manager's Association of America's (CMAA) recent annual meeting here.

Like the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, which has made enhancement of the superintendent's image a major organizational mission, the private club managers association is also seeking to improve the perception of club managers and general managers in the communities in which they work.

"Everybody wants to be identified as a professional," said CMAA Executive Vice President James Singerling. "Identifying themselves not just to the choir [themselves] but to the rest of the congregation [club members and community] as well is probably something they [club managers]



New CMAA President Paul Skelton

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DEVELOPMENT

Flat pipe revisited

Out with the thin, in with the new

By MARK LESLIE

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Out with the thin-slitted flat pipe; in with the regular-slitted style. That is the determination of the manufacturer as well as superintendents at golf courses that have used the flat AdvanEDGE Pipe made here by Advanced Drainage Systems, Inc. (ADS).

"We decided not to use the sand-slot [as if slit by a razor] pipe in the golf market because of the soil mixtures people are using," said Kevin Rapp, ADS' marketing manager for golf courses. "We are recommending the regular-slotted pipe, whose perforations are much bigger, with the sock on it."

By "sock," Rapp was describing a geotextile fabric that fits over the pipe like the outer skin of a snake and prevents sand or soil from plugging the slits. A Maine golf course that had used the flat pipe in its practice green reported problems with it, which Rapp attributed to a sludge-type subsoil. A couple of other courses



erty coverage. In short, Chubb has identified courses using biologicals as a lower financial risk and will, in turn, protect the club, its owners, officers and directors from environmental claims.

"As we bring this technology to superintendents we want to demonstrate to them that biologicals are the way to go," said John Doyle, vice president,

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District Attorney Lawson Wills.

Bolton is being held in Pitkin County Jail on \$500,000 bail after having jumped bail late last year, Wills said. He said Bolton posted a \$75,000 bond last year, but did not appear for a Nov. 30 court date and was re-arrested on Dec. 4.

Bolton, a resident of Rifle about an hour and a half from this community, awaits a trial that Wills said is scheduled to begin May 25.

He had been directing construction for the developers — David Wilhelm, Jim Light and Jim Chaffin — of the Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course at the Roaring Fork Club. It is a high-profile, environmentally sensitive project that has entailed a cooperative effort with the non-

profit Roaring Fork Conservancy, the Colorado Division of Wildlife, the Army Corps of Engineers and the town of Basalt, 16 miles west of Aspen.

Wilhelm, who developed the well-known Cordillera Valley Club in Edwards, had joined Light and Chaffin in committing high-end dollars to this project, including numerous environmentally progressive measures such as \$300,000 to enhance

Roaring Fork River.

The District Attorney's Office alleges that Bolton absconded with \$230,000 of the developers' money.

Bolton reportedly worked for Paragon Construction at the nearby Aspen Glen facility before taking the Roaring Fork job.

Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. is the general contractor for the golf course, but has no connections with Bolton.

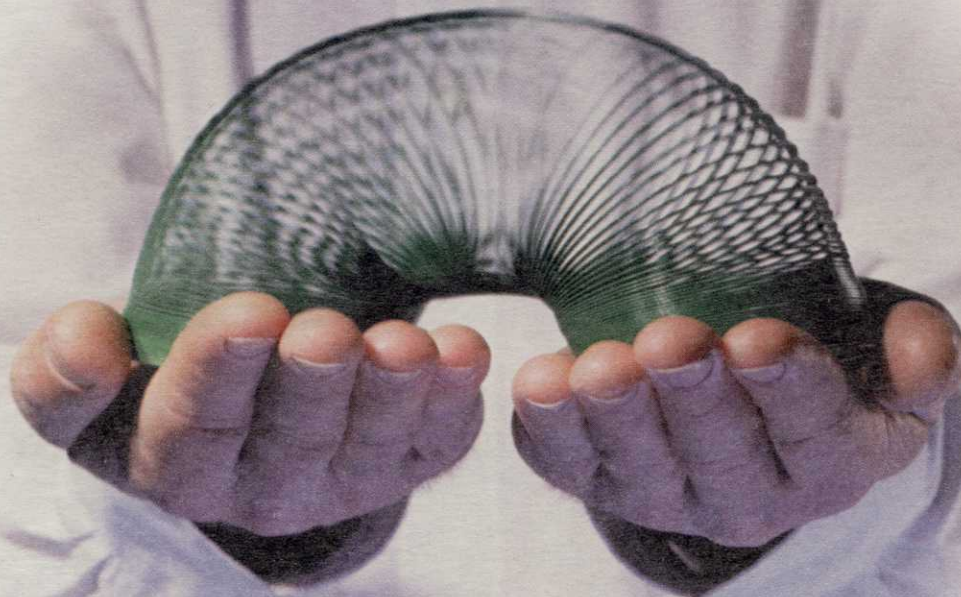
A succession of three golf course superintendents — Kevin Adams, Scott Todd and David Lauritson — worked with Bolton, but reportedly quickly left for other jobs. Bob Clarkson has since taken the position.

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Golfers prefer walking over riding in carts

JUPITER, Fla.—Judging by the number of golf cars roaming the nation's fairways, it may be hard to believe that the vast majority of today's golfers will tell you they'd rather walk than ride.

But that's one of the interesting facts that came out of the latest National Golf Foundation/USA TODAY Golf In America on-line survey. Of the 700 golfers who took the survey, more than 70 percent said they prefer to walk.

Why don't more golfers walk? It's not because the courses they play are mandating the use of golf cars. That idea was put to rest when 85 percent of the respondents said walking is an option at the courses they play most regularly.

It's also not because golf cars necessarily speed up play. Less than 40 percent of the respondents said they believed this to be so. Most survey respondents commented that the golf car's ability to speed up play is being negated by drivers who are naturally slow or unthinking. The other problem they cited is the much-maligned cart-paths-only rule.

What's the going average golf car rental fee? Among those who took this survey, it's about \$15 per person for 18 holes.

COYOTE CREEK WRAPS UP CONSTRUCTION

FT. LUPTON, Colo.—Big sky, waving wheat, and mountain vistas will soon greet guests of Coyote Creek, Ft. Lupton's new 18-hole course.

With construction on the clubhouse wrapping up, preparations are underway for the course's grand opening in May. Coyote Creek is located approximately 30 miles north of downtown Denver.

The golf course was designed by Architect Matt Eccles. Approximately 300 trees were added to the site, and water comes into play on many of the holes.

While city owned, Coyote Creek is managed by RBI Golf Management, a Littleton-based company.