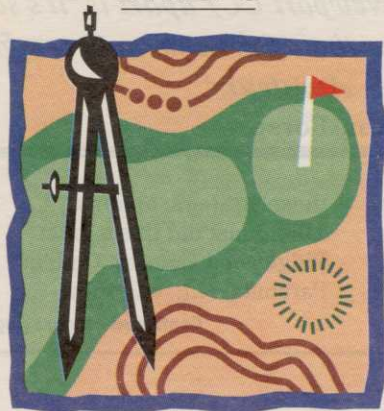


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**JOHNSTON DESIGNING ATLANTA TRACK**

ATLANTA — Clyde Johnston has been retained to design an 18-hole upscale, daily-fee course at Hampton Creek, a 514-acre planned community located just north of metro-Atlanta. The dominant natural design feature on the course is a set of four creeks that meander through the property and create both forced-carry and lateral hazards. Additionally, an 18-acre manmade lake that dates back to the 1940s will frame the 18th hole and retain water for irrigation uses. Johnston will work in concert with Landscape Unlimited of Lincoln, Neb., on the construction of the course.

**GOLF RESOURCES CHANGES NAME**

DALLAS — Golf course design firm Golf Resources Group has changed its name to D.A. Weibring/Golf Resources Group Inc. to capitalize on the national identity of 22-year- PGA professional golfer and company chairman, D.A. Weibring. The company has also announced the addition of Steve Wolfard to its design team. He formerly worked with Jack Nicklaus/Golden Bear International, Inc. and Gene Bates Design. Wolfard will oversee all Weibring/GRI design and renovation projects and the staff of Maury Miller, Jimmy Fechter and Mike Brown.

**SHORT-GAME AREA HELPS PAR-3 TRACK**

SAN DIEGO — The Four Points Hotel Sheraton San Diego has opened a short-game practice facility at its nine-hole par-3 course, according to General Manager Nabih Geha. Geha said the new facility, which features a large putting green, chipping area and sand bunker, is ideal for golfers to practice their short game with shots up to 40 yards away. Designed and built by Agoura Hills-based Golf Projects International, the 3 Par At Four Points golf course features a challenging golf experience for players of all abilities. The eight-acre course has nine holes ranging from 60 to 130 yards and includes sand bunkers, grass bunkers and two-tiered greens.

**PALMER OFFICE OPENS IN MALAYSIA**

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Palmer Course Design Inc. has opened an Asia-Pacific regional office here. J. John Hamilton is operating the office as regional vice president. Hamilton, a registered landscape architect, planner and golf course architect, has nearly 20 years of design experience and has worked six years in Asia.

**A Tillinghast tour de Force**

Ron Forse renews several designs by the master

By MARK LESLIE

NEWPORT, R.I. — The year 1998 was "The Year of Tillinghast" for golf course architect Ron Forse, and it is spilling over into 1999 with work on one of the great historic clubs in America: Newport Country Club.

"It's really a restoration 'tweak,'" said Forse of his work at Newport CC, which was one of the original five clubs that formed the United States Golf Association. "The course is so pure. The character is very strong and it's still there. The [A.W.] Tillinghast greens are magnificent."

"I'm really excited about this," he added. "They approved the master plan a couple years ago, and it's great to get started."

While awaiting the go-ahead here, Forse was busy restoring the Tillinghast mark elsewhere:

- Last fall he restored the bunkers on three holes at Sunnehanna Country Club in Johnstown, Pa., "a job done wonderfully by Frontier Construction,



The 18th hole at Golden Valley Country Club in Minnesota before reconstruction, left, and afterwards, above.

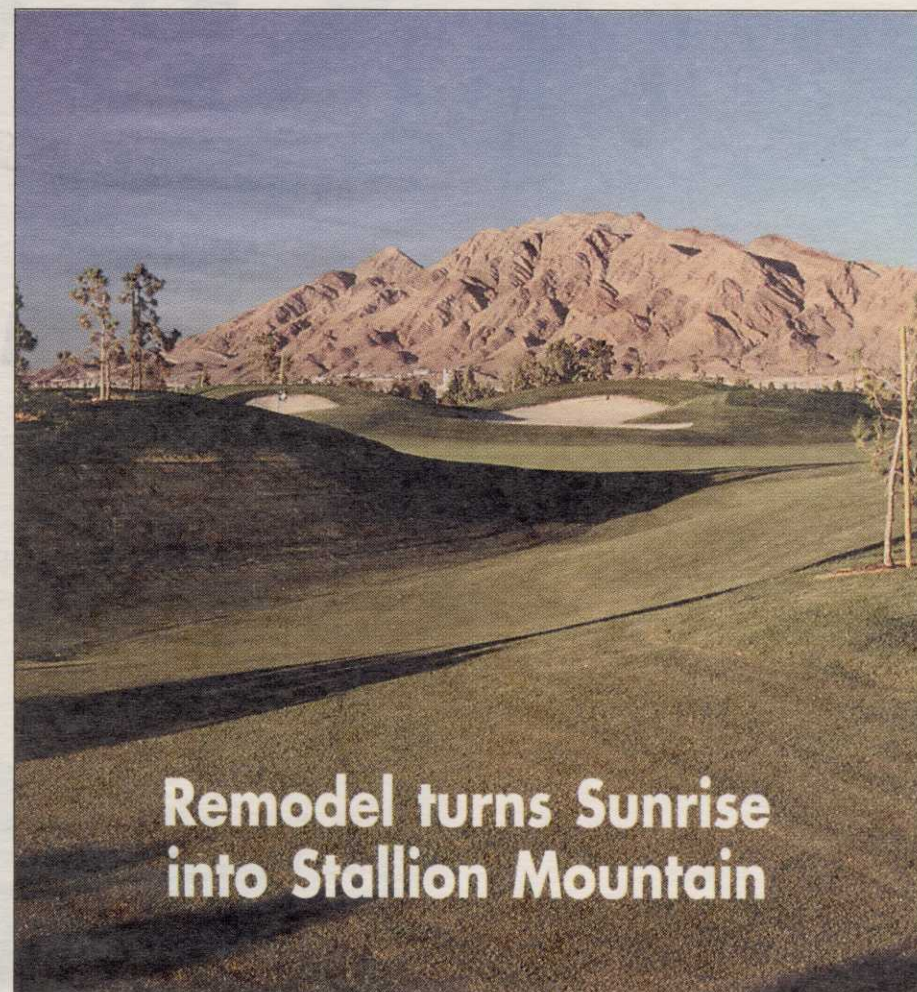
by the way."

- Last fall, working with Zona and Henderson Construction Co., he also restored half the bunkers at Valley Country Club near Hazleton, Pa., and

rebuilt three green sites because they were too steep for today's low-cut turf.

- He is in the process of "one of the best projects we've ever done," at

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**Remodel turns Sunrise into Stallion Mountain**

LAS VEGAS — Several million dollars have been spent remodeling Sunrise Country Club since June 1977, when Southwest Golf bought the 640-acre property from a group of individual investors.

Now known as Stallion Mountain Country Club, the facility includes three 18-hole golf courses — Secretariat, Citation and Man O War, a 16-acre practice facility and an 18,000-square-foot clubhouse.

Southwest Golf has enhanced and refurbished Stallion Mountain and its clubhouse.

More than 500 pine trees and 2,000 shrubs were planted, and a number of colorful flower gardens were added. Irrigation systems have been upgraded to improve watering schedules and to prepare for the planting of a new hybrid Bermudagrass next summer.

**RTJ II CHANGES**

**Charlton returns; Jones, Phillips ink an alliance**

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Bruce Charlton, who in January left Robert Trent Jones II International to form a design firm with colleagues Don Knott and Gary Linn, has rejoined RTJ II as a senior designer.

Robert Trent Jones Jr. announced that Charlton and Ty Butler are his new senior designers.

"I spent 18 years of my career working with RTJ II and I'm excited about carrying forward Bobby's and Mr. Jones Sr.'s legacy of building the world's great golf courses," Charlton said. "I wish my good friends, Don Knott and Gary Linn, who I believe to be among the finest golf course architects anywhere, success in their new venture."

Charlton is a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and a graduate of the University of Arizona

Butler, a graduate of Kansas State University, has nine years of experience with RTJ II in all aspects of golf course design.

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Meanwhile, Jones also announced he has formed a strategic alliance with another former employee — Kyle Phillips.

Kyle Phillips Golf Course Design of Granite Bay will design a limited number of golf courses each year

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