

BRIEFS

GARLAND, Texas — RBI Golf, Inc. and course architect Richard Phelps have begun construction on the 27-hole \$6 million addition to Firewheel Golf Park here. Once complete, the course will incorporate many lakes as well as natural vegetation, including the "Firewheel" flower, for which it is named. Phelps and RBI have previously teamed up on 15 projects, including Saddle Rock in Aurora, Colo.

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PAWLEYS ISLAND, S.C. — Pawleys Plantation is working on \$500,000 in improvements to enhance its Jack Nicklaus-designed course. Improvements include installing a computer-controlled irrigation system and sulfur generator in the lake to lower the pH level in the water and soil.

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LONDON — American Golf (UK) Ltd. (AG-UK) has purchased Chartham Park Golf Club located in East Grinstead, Sussex, for £1.785 million. "Chartham Park Golf Club is an extraordinary and high-quality facility that fits perfectly in our national and South-London cluster-group of golf courses and clubs," said Geary Leathers, AG-UK managing director.



SUNRIVER, Ore. — Classic elements of design and style that are the hallmarks of early golf course architects Alister Mackenzie and Donald Ross reportedly were captured by John Fought in his newly opened redesign of Sunriver Resort's Meadows golf course, particularly in the placement and design of the bunkers.

"This was not a facelift," said Fought, former PGA Tour professional and 1977 U.S. Amateur champion. "The Meadows is

a completely new course built within the general framework of the old Meadows course, with a change in par, new greens and a spectacular bunkering strategy."

"Our goal was to produce a course that will measure up against any course in the region," said Sean Cracraft, director of golf for Sunriver's Meadows and Woodlands golf courses. "Meadows is a modern golf course, built with the latest technology, designed in traditional, classic style."

The course opened June 30 after a \$3.2

million renovation that included complete replacement of all 18 greens, addition and replacement of bunkers and tees, renovation of all fairways and strategic redesign of selected holes. New irrigation and a maintenance facility were also included in the project.

"Meadows is like a Brooks Brothers shirt or a pair of khakis updated for the new century," Fought said. "With this redesign, the Meadows is still a solid,

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Changes afoot at GCN editorial offices

YARMOUTH, Maine — *Golf Course News* Publisher Charles von Brecht has announced several changes in the editorial and advertising staffs at the newspaper, including promotions of Mark Leslie and Peter Blais.

Leslie, the longtime managing editor, has been named editor, succeeding Michael Levans, who



Michael Levans
Western sales rep

has taken over the Western territory on the sales staff after two years at the editorial helm of *Golf Course News*. Meanwhile, Blais, the associate editor for nine years, has assumed the managing editor post and Andrew Overbeck has been named associate editor.

The three will work in those

same capacities with *Golf Course News International (GCNI)*, a bi-monthly newspaper which covers the golf industry outside North America.

Leslie has been with *Golf Course News (GCM)* since its inception in 1989. Before that, he worked in various editorial capacities with the Lewiston and Portland daily and Sunday newspapers in Maine. A 1971 graduate of the University of Maine in journalism, he has won a national award for his golf writing.

Blais joined *GCN* after a 5 1/2-year

stint as a sports and business writer with the *Central Maine Morning Sentinel*.

He has earned a master's degree in business administration from Western State College, a bachelor's degree in English from the University of New Hampshire.

As managing editor, Blais will continue to focus on the course management aspects of the golf industry and be responsible for day-to-day operations at *GCN*.

Overbeck joined *GCN* as an interna-

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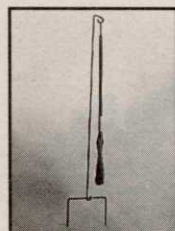
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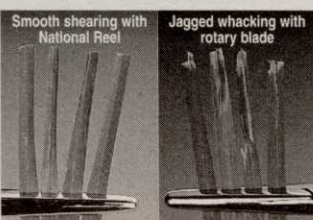
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