

Massachusetts facility expands to 18 holes

REHOBOTH, Mass. — Hillside Country Club has celebrated its official expansion to 18 holes.

"The challenge of designing and building a beautiful course for all levels of knowledgeable golfers is now a reality," said owner and course designer George Cardono. "Players are impressed by the concepts inherent in each hole. They also tell me how the new holes blend overall to form a rewarding golf experience. They enjoy and respect the course. I couldn't ask for a better evaluation."

The semi-private course contains three par-5s, four par-3s and 11 par-4s over 6,000 yards. The slope is 126 and the course rating is 69.5.

Course enhancement and grooming will continue and is Cardono's uppermost project for the summer.

"Hillside is a work in progress," Cardono said, "and the progress is wonderful. Serafim Costa, our superintendent, is proud of our accomplishments here and his goal is to make Hillside the area's preferred golf course on the merits of its overall maintenance as well as its challenging design and natural beauty."

Foster to begin work in Iowa

MARSHALL COUNTY, Iowa — Dickson Jensen looked for a couple years to find a site for his vision. He found and assembled 800 acres and hired Keith Foster to design his landmark upscale daily-fee course.

The Harvester is now set to begin construction with high expectations. The site contains a 60-acre lake that will challenge the finishing holes. Foster said the ground is ideally suited for great golf, with elevation changes of 40 to 80 feet. Towering hardwoods, wetlands and natural creeks also further distinguish The Harvester property.

The par-72, 18-hole upscale track will play from 4,800 to 7,250 yards. In addition, The Harvester facility will have a nine-hole short course and a state-of-the-art practice facility. The Harvester is slated to open in the summer of 2000.

San Diego design receives facelift

SAN DIEGO — Rancho Bernardo Inn, located 30 minutes north of downtown, has completed extensive improvements to its William Bell-designed 18-hole championship Resort Course.

To create a more intimate experience, existing bunkers were remodeled with larger, more rounded profiles, while other bunkers were added or deleted. New Augusta

white sand was imported for contrasting color and playability.

Extensive landscaping includes adding mounds, trees and natural vegetation, a complete rebuild of the 13th green and a new pond along the 11th green. A fourth set of tees was added throughout the course, changing the original ladies' tees from 5,500 yards to 4,900 yards.



Rancho Bernardo Resort Course near San Diego recently completed improvement to the course and clubhouse.

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Mize, Schreiner have Georgia on their minds

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Former Masters champion Larry Mize and architect Craig Schreiner have teamed to transform the formidable Maple Ridge Golf Club into a strategically challenging, playable golf course. Maple Ridge Golf Club is the centerpiece of the 600-acre Maple Ridge residential community.

Phase one of a three-year plan is complete, with reconstruction of all 18 putting greens, fairway drainage improvements, addition of multiple tees and construction of a new hole.

Mize has collaborated on two other golf course design projects, but the Maple Ridge project presents some unique

challenges. "We needed someone who had the professional knowledge of how to execute golf shots from tee to green on each hole," said Schreiner. "Larry has the perfect credentials to help with these details and he has an intimate knowledge of the course."

"When we first arrived we were very impressed with the quality of the overall development. However, the golf course generally did not fit the ground," said Schreiner. "This is where the majority of the playability, drainage, safety, slow play, and maintainability problems stem from. Our challenge was to figure out how to make the course work with the natural contour of the site, not against it."

The strategy of how the Mize-Schreiner team will transform Maple Ridge is detailed in a comprehensive plan that has been embraced by the owners and members. Removing an unplayable par-3 was the catalyst for improvements on several holes and allowed lengthening the golf course to a par-72, 6,981-yard layout.

"Eliminating the par-3 11th enabled the back-nine holes to unfold in a magical sort of way," said Schreiner. "We adjusted the tees on the 12th, 13th and 15th to take advantage of natural fairway landing areas. We also created value in the form of three new golf course frontage lots on the new 389-yard, par-4 11th hole."

"The membership is excited about the improvements taking place at Maple Ridge. The atmosphere is like young children on Christmas Eve," said Mike McCollum, director of golf at Maple Ridge.

Heartland Golf Construction is completing the work that requires the course to remain open for play during construction.

NORTHEAST GOLF HIRES COLE

FAIR HAVEN, N.J. — Brook Cole, a landscape architecture graduate from Utah State University, has joined The Northeast Golf Co. here. Cole received the Merit Award from the American Society of



Brook Cole

Landscape Architects for outstanding achievement in design while at Utah State. As a design associate, he will develop the firm's CAD production system. He will also assist in plan production tasks, including design development and construction documentation for new golf course and renovation projects.

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