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Craig Schreiner,
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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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