

## Bide-A-Wee reopens after \$8M facelift

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — Bide-A-Wee Golf Course, which originally opened in 1955, reopened in April after a 15-month, \$8 million renovation.

Tom Clark and Kevin Atkinson of Ault, Clark and Associates, Ltd., in conjunction with Curtis Strange, designed the renovation. The work included removing thousands of trees, installing miles of drainage, building eight ponds, sculpting new tees, fairways, bunkers, greens, installing

complete irrigation and full concrete cart paths. The original course routing was preserved and the narrow greens that were the signature of the former course were integrated into the new design.

In addition to the course work, a new entrance, 5,100-square-foot clubhouse, 3,480-square-foot pavilion, cart storage building and maintenance facility were also built. Local architect Glenn Yates Jr., president of the Yates Group, did the design work on the buildings.

## Ault, Clark make Schlegel a partner, promote Cervone

KENSINGTON, Md. — The golf course design firm Ault, Clark & Associates, Ltd., headed by Brian T. Ault and Thomas E. Clark, has elevated Daniel J. Schlegel to partner and James N. Cervone Jr. to senior associate.

During his 10-year tenure, the 35-year-old Schlegel has played an integral part in the planning, design and construction administration of more than 30 new courses and numerous major remodeling projects in the United States and abroad. He is currently serving as project architect on new courses in Connecticut, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and Tennessee. Schlegel holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from Penn State University.

Also a landscape architect from Penn State University, Cervone, 29, has played a key role in expanding the company's business west toward the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley. Currently, he is project architect on a massive, four-course remodeling project for the Montgomery County (Maryland) Revenue Authority, as well as assisting Ault, Clark on new projects in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

## Gravel pit getting new life as course

SEEKONK, Mass. — Seekonk Golf Club and Family Entertainment Center is under development here, just three miles from downtown Providence, R.I., on the site of a former gravel pit. The project is being financed by Clubhouse Capital, a Providence-based golf course finance and advisory firm.

Located on 76 acres, the facility will include an 18-hole executive golf course, a state-of-the-art two-tiered driving range and practice facility, and a 36-hole miniature golf course. The developer, Seekonk Golf Center, anticipates expanding the facility to include a 60,000-square-foot golf dome and family entertainment center.

Benny Park, a Rhode Island golf range operator, is the majority principal with Seekonk. The project was designed by Michael Weremay of Beckman-Weremay, Ltd., a Rhode Island landscape and golf course architect.

Instead of constructing and operating the project himself, Park has elected to sell the land to separate golf facility operators. The 25-acre driving range/golf dome parcel is already under agreement; the identity of the buyer has not been disclosed. The 50-acre golf course parcel is for sale as well; the golf course design and all permits and approvals are in place, and construction can be commenced immediately.

The acquisition and development financing was directly funded by Clubhouse Capital.

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