

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — With the renovation of the 18-hole Rebsamen Golf Course underway, the First Tee Program about to kick-off in Little Rock, the Isabella Course under construction, a signed contract for Granada Golf Course, and a new course out for bids in Mountain Home, Ault, Clark & Associates continues its assault on golf in Arkansas.

Perhaps the most visible de-

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velopment is the state's initial First Tee facility, located here in Little Rock.

Ault, Clark is donating its services to the city for the First Tee project.

As Clark explained: "We feel it is our obligation to the sport for our firm to support this important program that allows all children

and beginners the opportunity to learn the great game of golf."

Working with the PGA Tour's Tod Leiweke, Park Director Bill Bunten and city officials, Ault, Clark has completed a master plan, and construction is planned to start early spring with opening late this fall or in spring 2000.

The existing nine-hole Rock

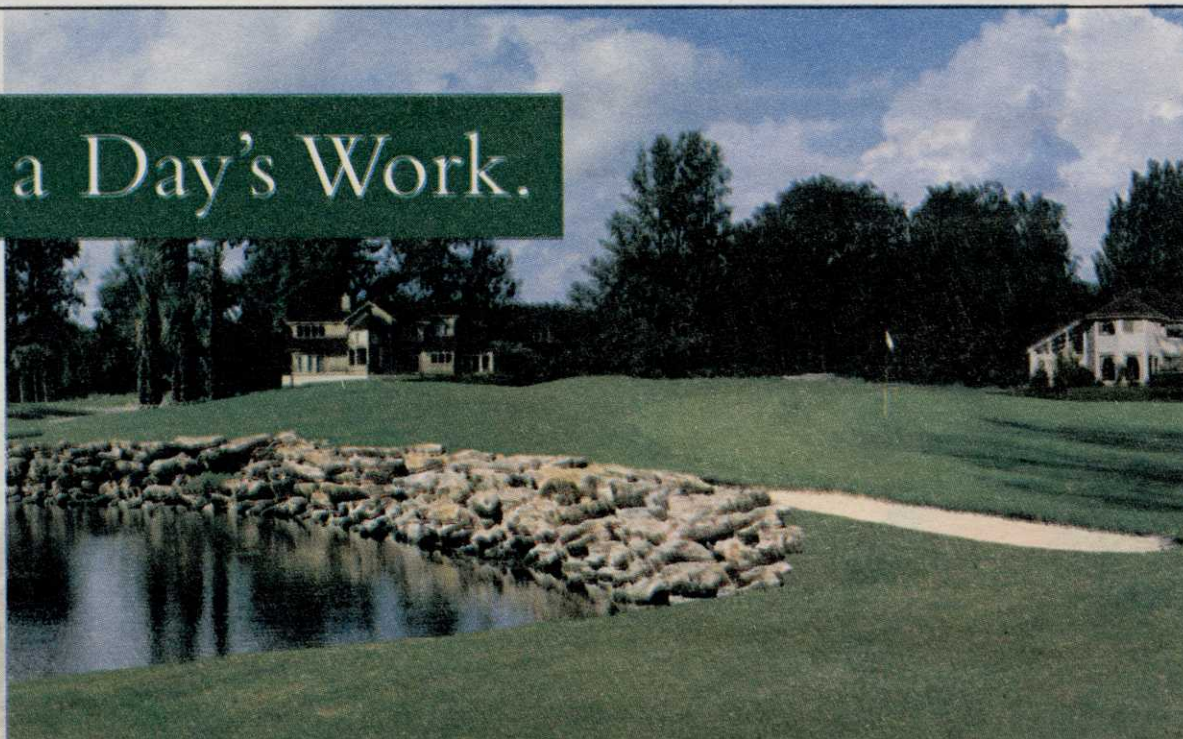
Creek Golf Course and the adjacent undisturbed woodlands will be the site for this project. The plans include the creation of a new sheltered 60 station practice range; three practice holes that will play through mature woodlands including a par-3, -4 and -5; 2-acre multi-tiered putting course; chipping complex that includes subtle mounding and multiple sand and grass bunkers as well as 10,000-square-foot putting green.

Reaching Out



This package of stories is one of an ongoing series covering initiatives and projects developed to bring new golfers into the game, particularly youths and minorities. People wishing to submit projects for articles should contact the editorial department of *Golf Course News* at 106 Lafayette St., P.O. Box 997, Yarmouth, ME 04096; e-mail: mleslie@golfcoursenews.com.

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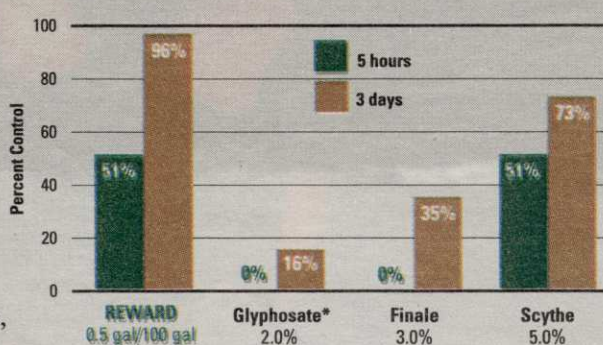


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Future Links surpassed its goal for 1998

OAKVILLE, Ontario—Future Links, a grassroots junior golf program designed to address the problems of accessibility and affordability, introduced more than 19,000 kids to golf in 1998, surpassing a goal of 15,000 set by the Royal Canadian Golf Association and Canadian Professional Golfers' Association.

Future Links, presented by Mackenzie Financial Corp., is a joint initiative of the RCGA and CPGA. In 1998 — the first season with the CPGA on board as a partner of the RCGA — 19,284 children swung clubs at 540 Future Links sites across Canada, bringing the total number to 30,000 since the program was initiated in 1996.

"This year was extremely gratifying, with so many children benefiting from the various Future Links initiatives," said Stephen Ross, executive director of the RCGA. "And much of our success must be attributed to the involvement of the countless golf professionals, golf clubs, associations and volunteers."

Highlights included:

- a partnership between the RCGA and CPGA to jointly run the Future Links program;
- a \$125,000 grant awarded to 10 provincial golf associations, used to expand Future Links programs across Canada;
- the continued growth of the provincial Mobile Clinic programs. Canadian PGA instructors traveling in Ford Windstar vans provided instruction to 9,675 juniors at 221 sites in seven provinces;
- the launch of the Level 2 instruction program, which complemented the existing level 1 instruction and was implemented at 162 sites for 8,500 kids; and
- the growth of the Kids Club Connection Depots. A network of 92 depots were established to collect, re-size, re-grip and distribute golf equipment to juniors.