

N'east Golf busy in New England

CHESTNUT HILL, Mass. — The Northeast Golf Co. has been retained to provide master planning and design services for the Putterham Meadows Golf Club here. Improvements to the drainage system, irrigation, tees, greens and bunkers will be considered within the master plan.

Putterham Meadows is located adjacent to The Country Club, host

of the 1999 Ryder Cup matches. Construction of the proposed improvements will begin following the Ryder Cup in October.

Meanwhile, Northeast Golf has completed the routing phase for the Housatonic Rapids golf course project in Sherman, Conn.; has begun construction at Stryker's Pass, a new 27-hole daily-fee facility in Lopatcong,

N.J.; and the shaping of Skyview Golf and Country Club in Sparta, N.J., is nearly complete.

At Housatonic Rapids the owners are considering a semi-private operating structure. The site is approximately 15 miles north of Danbury. Development is pending zoning approval from the town.

At Stryker's Pass, the 18-hole championship and 9-hole pitch-and-putt courses, designed by

Robert McNeil of Northeast Golf, will be built by Turco Golf Course Construction.

At Skyview, seeding is scheduled this fall. Mike Candeloro has joined the development team as the golf course superintendent, handling grown-in and ongoing maintenance thereafter. Candeloro served as the assistant superintendent at White Beeches Golf & Country Club in Haworth, N.J.

Harbottle

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acres. Naturally rolling fairways are wide with a links touch. The Challenge measures 7,425 yards from the back tees and 5,703 yards from the forward. Playing at about 6,000 feet above sea level, the test is not as long as it seems.

Noting that the wind comes into play from a variety of directions, Harbottle said, "Wind is an important element of design. Great early American golf course designer C.B. McDonald wrote: 'You can have a good golf course without wind, but you can't have a great one.'"

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crucial stage of Southern Highlands' development because what we do now will have a profound impact on the drama and beauty of the golf course."

While at Southern Highlands, Jones made several adjustments, primarily concerning the placement and shape of the bunkers and water features on the course as well as the positioning of the tee boxes.

These adjustments served to improve the playing strategy and enhance the aesthetic nature of the golf course.

"You design a golf course like an artist paints a painting — first come the broad strokes, then the fine detail," Jones said. "I fell in love with the original design, and now I am working on the more subtle aspects that will lend a richness to the course's character. After every visit, I am more and more certain Southern Highlands will be a truly spectacular golf course."

Dorset Field

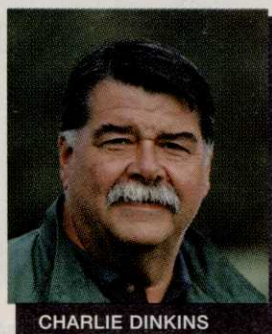
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One standout hole is the new 10th. As members make the turn, they'll be greeted by a dramatic par-3 that is reminiscent of another great short hole — The Dell at Lahinch, Ireland. Standing on the tee to survey the partially hidden, punchbowl green below, golfers will have views of mountains that were hidden for more than 100 years.

Durkee's first golf course design Green Mountain National Golf Course, which opened in 1997 in Sherburne — was done in partnership with Gene Bates. It was recently named the best public course in the state by *Golf Digest*. Since that time, he has made nine-hole additions to Neshobe Golf Course and Brattleboro Country Club; and has begun work on a project at Okemo Mountain Resort.

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