

BRIEFS


FOUR-COURSE PROJECT PLANNED FOR GERMANY

FLEESEENSEE, Germany — A major golf project is on schedule for an April opening, 100 miles north of Berlin. The Fleesensee golf resort has been managed by Phil Griffin of Halifax, England with the four 18-hole courses designed by European Golf Design. In addition to the four 18-hole

courses (one of which is a short 'starter course'), the resort will include an indoor 'Golfodrome' training facility, two hotels, a 200-bedroom

'family holiday concept center', 17 tennis courts (indoor and out), squash courts and health center. The first of the golf courses, the Schloss Course, is a par-72, 6,340-meter layout. The architect is Stan Eby. Approximately 1,600 meters shorter is the second Eby design, the Sud Course, which has numerous streams and ponds. Eby is also responsible for the 18-hole short course. The fourth of the courses, the West Course, is again a full-length, 18-hole layout suitable and designed by Ross McMurray. Golf operations at Fleesensee will be run by European Tour Courses, a sister company of the PGA European Tour.

FOSTER BREAKS GROUND IN UTAH

ST. GEORGE, Utah — SunCor Golf has broken ground on Coral Canyon Golf Club, an 18-hole daily-fee course here. Located in "Color Country" in southwestern Utah, Coral Canyon sits on the doorstep to some of the world's most famed natural wonders, including Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park and the Grand Canyon. Keith Foster designed the 7,135-yard, par-72 track with 100 acres of turf, 55 sand bunkers, two lakes and a labyrinth of dry washes. Said Foster: "The holes work with the surrounding environment, providing game strategy challenges as well as opportunities for some very scenic holes."

WEISKOPF COURSE PLANNED FOR LOS CABOS

LOS CABOS, Mexico — The Day Group has acquired 50 percent of the general partnership in Cabo del Sol here, and will invest \$25 million with partner Empresas ICA, S.A. de C.V. for development of a new Tom Weiskopf course, residential lots and related infrastructure on the property.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

MONTEREY, Calif. — Jack Nicklaus is designing a new golf course at Pasadera Country Club, a new 565-acre master-planned community being built by New Cities Development Group (NCD) of California.

"This is one of the best natural sites for a golf course left in California, and Jack Nicklaus is the perfect designer for this project," said Chuck Reeves, project manager for NCD. "The location features a wonderful blend of hills, mountainsides and canyons. It has great sweeping views, and ideal natural backdrops for green settings. Jack has a unique sensitivity for how this type of golf course should be developed, and what he's creating here is going to be very, very special."

Crews recently began rough grading and shaping for the 6,827-yard, par-71 course. When completed in spring, Pasadera will greet players with a design that challenges every aspect of their games while blending seamlessly with the natural surroundings.

During a recent visit to the construction site, Nicklaus spent more than six hours walking each hole of the course with development team members, making a variety of subtle alterations in order to take better advantage of the site's character.

The changes Nicklaus made to the design include creating an elevated green site on No. 5 that will enhance the strat-

Nicklaus lays hands to Monterey landscape



Pasadera Country Club.

egy of the hole and building a creek on No. 18 to accentuate the hole's character and add drama.

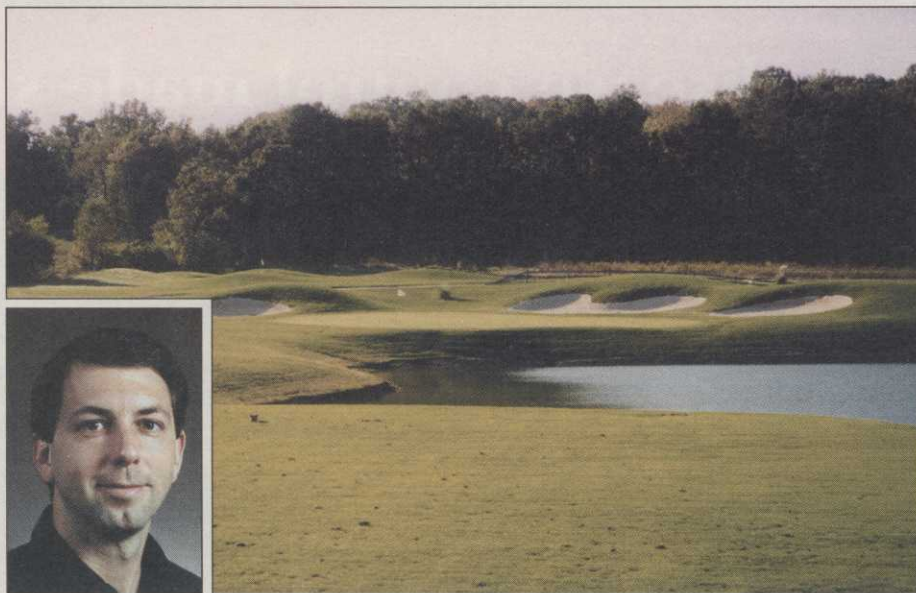
"This is going to be a very strong golf course that will draw its character from the natural flow of the land. All of the holes are unique with their own set of circumstances. I think the 14th here will remind many players of the famous 16th at Cypress, but without the ocean. It's that kind of golf course," said Nicklaus.

Moreover, Nicklaus said his approach

to designing this golf course is to let the natural challenges and beauty of golf in Monterey dictate the layout and hole characteristics.

"We won't change the landscape to accommodate the golf course, but rather we will be adapting the golf course to complement what Mother Nature has already created," said Nicklaus.

"By doing so, we will give players an opportunity to experience the truly unique qualities of golf on the Monterey Peninsula."



David Johnson (inset), formerly of Cupp Design and Medalist Golf, designed Hooch Golf Club (above) in Duluth, Ga., while with Medalist. Johnson recently opened his own design firm.

Former Cupp understudy David Johnson opens own design firm

ATLANTA — David Johnson, who has worked with Cupp Design, and Medalist Golf, Inc. has been established his own design company, providing complete golf course design services.

The philosophy of David Johnson Course Design "emphasizes classic golf course designs, meant to evoke the feel and character prevalent during the golden age of golf design when strategy was the guiding principle behind the way holes were designed," Johnson said.

Johnson's desire to design golf courses began at an early age. The majority of his spare time was spent playing golf, sketching and creating golf holes on paper, and actually building a number of short holes in his back yard. While attending college, he worked summers on the maintenance staff at Ford's Colony Country Club in Williamsburg, Va.

After graduating from the University of Virginia with a bachelor's degree in architecture, he apprenticed under golf course designer Robert E. Cupp for eight years. After departing Cupp Design in 1997, he spent 2-1/2 years building golf courses with Medalist Golf, with whom he designed Hooch Golf Club in Duluth.

Younger Azinger busy north and south of the border

Jed Azinger's parents met on a golf course — Manchester (Conn.) Country Club — so you might say golf is,

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literally, in the Sarasota, Fla., architect's blood. Azinger's older brother, the PGA Tour's Paul Azinger, turned pro in 1981. A year later, Jed got his first golf course job as a laborer in Naples, Fla. He later enrolled at Lake City (Fla.) Community College and received his associate's degree in golf course operations in 1987. He worked as assistant superintendent at Quail Creek Golf Club in Naples, head superintendent at Naples Shores (now Boyne South) Country Club and superintendent of Lely Resort's Flamingo course in Naples. Jed, Paul and their father, Ralph, pooled their resources to form Paul Azinger Golf Course Design in 1990. Frustrated with interference by Canadian environmentalists on a project in Otterville, Ontario, Paul opted to leave the design business in 1993 to concentrate on his personal battle with cancer and his golf game. Gordon Lewis — a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects with more than 90 course designs to his credit — has been working with Jed since the beginning and has co-designed a number

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