

Creative Golf debuts in Germany

By TREVOR LEDGER

SYLT, Germany — Creative Golf Design (CGD) of Chester, England, has been awarded its first commission in Germany — the Marine Golf Club

"The golf club has acquired a further 120 acres for an entirely new, 18-hole course," said CGD Director Ken Moodie. "There are

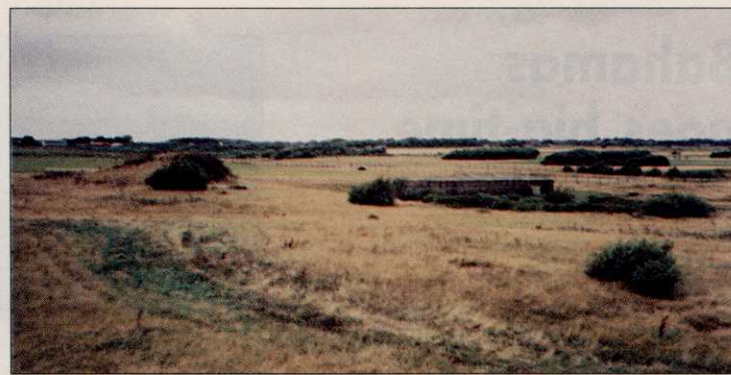
a number of ecological issues to attend to, but far from being a problem, I am very excited by the challenge."

The Marine Golf Club was founded by a Royal Air Force (RAF) crew stationed on the island of Sylt, just off the northwest German coast, during the latter stages of World War II. The existing nine-hole course oc-

cupies 50 acres of Sylt which sits in the eastern section of the North Sea. The previous dune system was flattened to allow for runways and taxiways, but, for aesthetic, strategic and ecological reasons, Moodie hopes to reinstate the diverse and shifting landscape with sublime simplicity.

"With the sandy nature of the soil, stabilization will be a major

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The CGD-designed Marine Golf Club in Sylt, Germany.

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British Isles, with its supreme natural elegance and a beautiful green-site within yards of the Dornoch Firth."

Hiseman described the 10th as "one of the most stunning, natural golf holes in the world."

At 445 yards, slightly downhill from an elevated tee — the 10th will incorporate a wide fairway sandwiched between "a gaping natural sand hollow and the Dornoch Firth." When this natural fairway plain runs out at the green location, it is nestled gently between the sand wastes and the beach.

It is the simplicity of the hole which most appealed to Hiseman.

"There are no artificial bunkers or design tricks as the native hazards are abundant and perfectly placed to complement a thrilling golf hole," he said. The only tree on the course is perfectly placed to the left of the fairway to catch a hooked tee shot.

While this hole just presented itself to Hiseman, some thought was necessary for the rest — but not much.

"I came up with the concept for the new layout in just half an hour on the back of an old scorecard," he explained. "I can only describe it as a 'eureka!' moment. It just fell perfectly into place and has changed very little ever since."

Part of this 'synchronicity' involves rerouting the Black Burn which meanders across the course. In keeping with the traditional manner of Hiseman's approach, it is being diverted onto its original course. This is almost entirely cosmetic but with the intention of promoting its image to that of the Barrie Burn at Carnoustie, or the Swilken at St. Andrews.

The course will be unveiled in 2002, along with its new name. Hiseman suggests "The Witch," explaining: "This would commemorate the fact that the 18th hole is the site of the last execution of a witch in Scotland, in 1772. They first tried to drown her in a deep pond — still there — and when that failed they burned her at the stake. Her gravestone resides in the greenkeeper's front garden..."

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By ANDREW OVERBECK

BANGKOK, Thailand — Quality Golf Consultants (QGC) has weathered the Asian financial crisis of the past two years, riding a wave of renovation work that is on the rise as the country and the region begin to awaken from their economic slumber.

The company, headed by Tony Taylor, is performing extensive

QGC continues to make inroads into Thailand

renovation work at Alpine Golf Club and has added to its growing list of clients in 1999, snagging a contract at Rajpruek Club in Bangkok.

Taylor's work in Thailand began at Thai Country Club, where he has moved from superintendent to consultant.

"Getting through the storm

has a lot to do with our business management practices," said Taylor. "But having the Thai Country Club as a model maintenance operation made the whole high end of the golf market sit up and take notice."

QGC spent much of 1999 working on the Ron Garl-designed Alpine Golf Club. While the origi-

nal owner spared no expense in constructing the facility and the course, the project was never financially feasible from opening day, Taylor said.

"The course deteriorated considerably in the past five years," said Taylor, who helped prepare it for the 1998 Asian Games.

QGC is now halfway through a

two-stage US\$2 million renovation project. They are installing 15 km of heringbone drainage

and replacing the contaminated Tifdwarf greens with superdwarf

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difficulty," he said. "We have had some restrictions on earth movement imposed upon us and it is more likely that we will import soil rather than cut and fill. To establish the dunes, we are planning to drive low, wooden piles into the ground and just allow the sand to blow up against them. As the 'dune' grows we will raise the piles accordingly."

Ironically the only dune-like features that still exist are the concrete bunkers, built as the dunes were being bulldozed.

Marine is being redesigned with new land at the same time as Turnberry's Arran course. Both were flattened for airfields during the war. This similarity has not been lost on Moodie, although it is the Ailsa course at Turnberry, redesigned after the war by MacKenzie Ross, that is Moodie's role model in recreating the links character on Sylt.

The architect has a high regard for the site. "The land has great potential and, from certain angles, bears a similarity to the landscape at Muirfield." He enthused, "Much will depend on the attitude of the local authorities and environmental groups, but we are confident that the environmental benefits can be shown to outweigh the objections."

Tourists do visit Sylt, but the project has been sanctioned by the Marine members primarily for their own benefit. Before the dream can be realized, however, Moodie has the site under close scrutiny.

"There are old asphalt roads to remove, underground tunnels to avoid and the possibility of coming across unexploded bombs," he said.

As yet, no contractors have been hired to build the course.

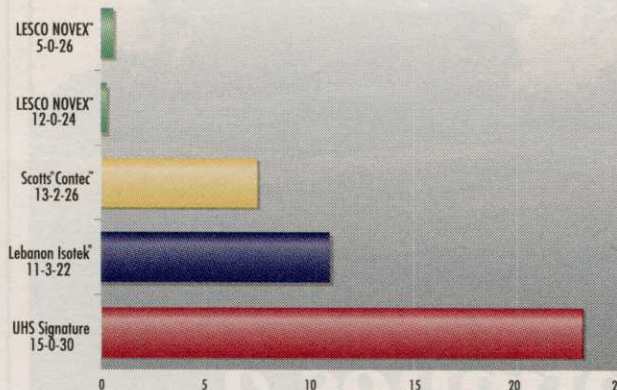
Creative Golf Design has made a positive step towards developing its Latin American interests. David Ross hails from Scotland and is an accomplished golfer who is fluent in Spanish. His appointment to CGD in a Santiago office is designed to provide a first point of contact for potential developers and will grow in stature when Ross completes his current studies with the British Institute of Golf Course Architects in spring 2001. ▴

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