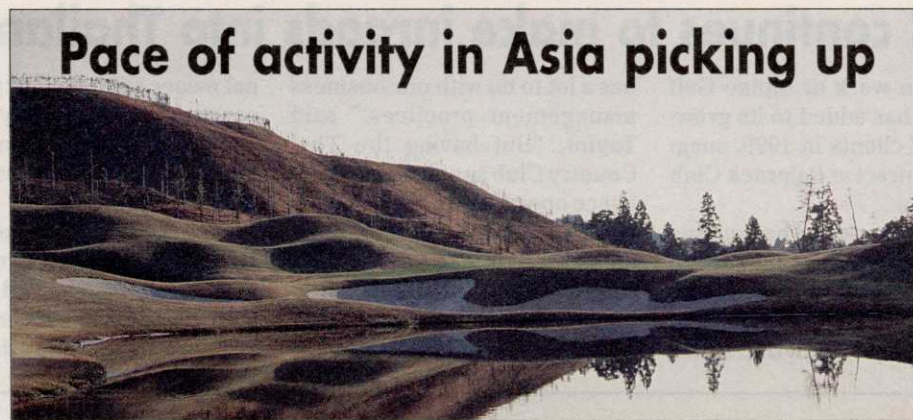


ASIAN UPDATE

JAPAN

• Tom Johnson Golf Design (TJGD) is busy in Japan, with a new course opening later this year and three renovation projects in the works. TJGD is designing 18 holes in Nagaoka at Green Hill Nagaoka Golf Club and the course is set to open in July.

TJGD's renovation work includes: Washu Golf Club in Kurashiki, adding four new greens and ladies' and seniors' tees, scheduled to be finished in 2001; AMI Golf Club in Ibaraki, an 18-hole renovation of greens to start in the fall; and



The 8th hole at Tom Johnson Golf Design's Green Hill Nagaoka Golf Club in Nagaoka, Japan.

Pace of activity in Asia picking up

Akasaka Country Club, Okayama, an 18-hole renovation to start in the spring.

KOREA

• MT. KUMGANG — The Hyundai Group is looking for foreign companies to take part in its North Korean resort project at Mt. Kumgang. Hyundai received a 30-year monopoly on the use of the property at the end of October. The group is seeking U.S. companies since the Clinton Administration lifted its business embargo on North Korea in September. Hyundai plans to build a hotel, condominium, ski resort, golf course and airport in the Mt. Kumgang region.

MALAYSIA

• E&G Parslow has announced that two of its Malaysian projects will be back on track in 2000. The firm's course in Karambunai, Sabah for Karambunai Resorts has been reactivated. The course is situated in an area of tropical real estate within the city of Sabah, Kota Kinabalu. Construction is set to begin at mid-year.

The second course is in coastal Terengganu on the east coast of Malaysia. Site clearing has begun under the control of Jason Winter, who has been working to ensure the numerous sites of native grasses were left untouched and the general course routing was adjusted to maximum advantage.

PHILIPPINES

• CEBU — In a move to settle the conflict over the redevelopment of the Kang-Irog Golf Course here the developer, Gotesco Land, Inc. has offered to buy the property from the Philippines Tourism Authority (PTA) for P250 million (US\$6.4 million). Development works were put on hold after the Cebu regional trial court issued a temporary restraining order barring the firm from continuing to work on the site.

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Bermudagrass. Taylor's crew has also placed 4 km of plastic curbing around the lake banks to prevent the build-up of aquatic plant growth and the invasion of torpedo grass.

Alpine has upgraded its maintenance facility and purchased a new fleet of equipment. This year's work will include working on the back nine and installing a new Toro LTC plus irrigation system.

QGC also signed on with J. Michael Poellet-designed Rajpruek Club and appointed Robert Barnes as the superintendent. So far, Barnes has upgraded the standard of the course without spending any more money.

"They have over 100 people on staff, but simply had no one who knew how to maintain the golf course," said Taylor. "We have helped to turn that around."

According to Taylor, renovation and consultant work will continue to be on the rise since many clubs don't have educated manpower. "We have the technology and we know what works," said Taylor. "There are still no schools that train for golf operations."

"The renovation work will continue as the market settles out. Golf courses will simply want to improve conditions and reap the rewards from the massive golfing public."