

Building ongoing throughout Asia

Work is underway on numerous fronts throughout the Asia Pacific region. Among the projects are:

CAMBODIA

• **KAMPONG CHNANG** — Initial planning is underway for the first 18 holes of a 36-hole Ross C. Watson-designed course to be developed as a part of a new 50,000-acre city development.

CHINA

• **SHANGHAI** — Nine holes of the Thomson, Wolveridge and Perrett-designed Bin Hai Golf Club are open for play. The final nine holes are being grassed with Legend Bermudagrass from Australia on the tees, fairways and rough, Penn A1 on the greens and sheeps fescue on the mounds. Course Superintendent Gary Chatfield expects the course to open in early July.

Murphy Creek

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enced during the dust bowl era. The cart storage building will remind a Midwestern baby-boomer of his grandfather's old dairy barn. And the silo next to the driving range tee provides a unique place to pick-up range balls.

The golfer's plaza, between the clubhouse and the cart barn, is the site of a special public art project that proposes to create a gathering of golf's historic icons. The first pieces include life-size sculptures of the female athlete of the century, Mildred (Babe) Dedrickson Zaharies, in full back swing, and legendary greenkeeper Old Tom Morris waiting his turn to tee off. These pieces, over time, will be joined by life-size sculptures of Ben Hogan, amateur golfer Bobby Jones, a typical caddy from the 1920s, and course architect Donald Ross. This assemblage will be known as A Quintessential Gathering.

Out on the course, the golfer is greeted on each hole with large landing areas, sand bunkers that require strategic play, and generous greens. The golfer will also experience water, wildlife and wind. Murphy Creek, the actual stream, meanders through the terrain. It borders six holes, with its 75-year-old cottonwoods adding visual appeal.

"There's no redundancy at Murphy Creek Golf Course," says Ken Kavanaugh. "Each hole possesses a unique challenge, character and charisma." ▽

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MALAYSIA

• **PENANG** — Initial construction work has been completed on four Ross C. Watson-redesigned holes at Penang Turf Club. The new layout, which had to be altered to allow for an expanded horse stable, will open in July.

PHILIPPINES

• **LAKETAAL** — The Splendido

Golf Club, developed by Manila-based JAKA Group, has gotten the go-ahead from Greg Norman's design team to finish the remaining work on the course. The back nine is already open for play and bunker work and grassing is now progressing on the front nine.

VIETNAM

• **DANANG** — Hong Kong-based developer Lai Sun has signed a contract to develop 30

hectares of land adjacent to the Furama Resort Danang. In addition to constructing a golf course and other leisure facilities on the property, Lai Sun will add another 200 hotel rooms. Work on the recreational facilities and beachfront restaurant is already underway.

• **HO CHI MINH CITY** — Two sports complex facilities that include golf course components have received approval from lo-

cal and national agencies.

The Ministry of Planning and Investment has granted a license to Sing Viet Co. Ltd. to construct a U.S.\$120 million sports, tourist, commercial and residential complex in Lang Le, Binh Chahn District. Saigon Tourist and HCMC Parks and Greenery Co. have been given the go-ahead to build a sports complex in Gai Dinh Park near Tan Son Nhat Airport.

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