

BRIEFS



TROON HANDS OUT AWARDS

TUCSON, Ariz. — Troon Golf handed out several internal awards during its recent Troon Golf Management Conference 2000 here. Talking Stick Golf Club in Scottsdale was named Golf Facility of the Year; Kierland Golf Club in Scottsdale, Newcomer of the Year; Hal Akins of Legacy Golf Club in Bradenton, Fla., Superintendent of the Year; Laura Scrivner of Sheraton Tamarron Resort in Durango, Colo., Golf Facility Manager of the Year; and Westin Mission Hills Resort and Golf Club in Rancho Mirage, Calif., Most Improved Facility of the Year.

SERVISCAPE ADDS MICH. COURSE

JACKSON, Mich. — Lakeland Hills Golf Course has hired ServiScape Inc. to manage its 18-hole course here. Lakeland Hills was founded in 1968 and has been managed by the Gibson family since then, according to General Manager Maggie Gibson.



ACQUISITIONS

CLUBLINK CFO RESIGNS

KING CITY, Ontario, Canada — ClubLink Corp.'s Kim Robinson, the Canadian course management firm's senior vice president and chief financial officer, has given notice of his intention to resign his position to pursue opportunities with technology companies. He will remain at ClubLink through March 31 to ensure a smooth transition, and to complete the finalization of the company's 1999 year-end audited financial statements. Robinson has been with ClubLink since 1995.

IGM ADDS FLA. LAYOUT

LAKELAND, Fla. — International Golf Maintenance, Inc. (IGM) has signed a maintenance agreement with Highland Club at Highland Lakes, an exclusive golf course retirement community in Palm Harbor, Fla. The agreement gives IGM responsibility for maintenance of the golf course and for supervision of the facility's irrigation system for its common grounds. The 27-hole course at Highland Lakes was designed by Lloyd Clifton and constructed in 1980. Members have the option of playing the three, nine-hole executive courses in 18-hole combinations of their choosing.

ClubCorp, Weiskopf team up in Mexico

PUERTO VALLARTA, Mexico — ClubCorp has contracted with Tom Weiskopf to design a second course at La Vista Vallarta, a public-access property here.

The first course at La Vista Vallarta was designed by Jack Nicklaus. Construction of the Nicklaus layout is underway and should be completed by the end of the year.

The Nicklaus course is being built on rolling terrain along the property's highest elevation. The Weiskopf course will be built in the more rugged, dense jungle portion of the property, providing a marked contrast to the Nicklaus course.

Weiskopf, a professional golfer and

course designer, has designed 35 courses, including the Troon North and Pinnacle courses in Scottsdale, Arizona, USA; Zimbali Country Club near Durban, South Africa; and Loch Lomond in Luss, Scotland.

"The site is one of the most dramatic inland properties I've seen anywhere in the world," Weiskopf said.

Weiskopf course construction is underway and expected to open by April 2001.



Tom Weiskopf

ClubCorp's Latin American Group purchased the land, which spans more than 700 acres in the foothills overlooking Puerto Vallarta. In addition to the two courses, La Vista Vallarta is expected to include private real-estate and hotel uses.

Plans for La Vista Vallarta began more than two years ago. The deal represents the first time federal land has been sold to a foreign company in this part of Mexico, according to a ClubCorp statement.

ClubCorp also operates a second Puerto Vallarta property — Club de Golf Marina Vallarta, which features an 18-hole, Joe Finger-designed course.

Golden Bear adds Calif. track to portfolio

NORTH PALM BEACH, Fla. — Golden Bear Club Services has signed a multi-year management contract with Pasadera Country Club, a Jack Nicklaus Signature course located in Monterey, Calif.

Under the terms of the contract, Golden Bear Club Services will manage the entire club, which will include the Nicklaus course, practice facility, 37,000-square-foot clubhouse, and a swim and tennis complex. The 6,800-yard course has elevation changes of up to 350 feet and views of Monterey Bay.

The Robert Lamb Hart-designed clubhouse features an Old Monterey style architecture with a grand courtyard. The clubhouse will include multiple food and beverage outlets, men's and ladies' locker rooms, fitness center and spa, lap pool and golf shop. The swim and tennis complex will include multiple pools and five tennis courts.

Pasadera Country Club is the centerpiece of the Pasadera master-planned community, which will include 253 homes. The non-equity private club's golf course is scheduled to open this spring. The clubhouse and swim and tennis complex are scheduled to open this fall. The Jack Nicklaus grand opening event is scheduled for June 11.

Casper to improve and operate Maryland facility

VIENNA, Va. — Billy Casper Golf Management (BCGM) has been selected to provide turnkey management services to Deer Run Golf Club in Berlin, Md., located 11 miles outside the golf and beachfront community of Ocean City, Md.

BCGM's initial project at Deer Run is to undertake an estimated \$1-million capital enhancements program. Components of the program include completing the conversion of the original executive course into an 18-hole championship layout. The clubhouse will be transformed into a sit-down, indoor/outdoor cafe, and the golf shop will be upgraded in presentation and merchandise selection. BCGM anticipates the majority of the renovations to be completed by April 1, the start of the peak golf season on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

BCGM also announced that the new look at the facility, which opened in 1997, also prompted a name change to Deer Run Golf Club from the former Greenfields Golf Course.



DEL WEBB LIGHTS IT UP

The 5th hole on the new San Gorgonio nine at Del Webb's Sun City Palm Desert (Calif.) facility. The layout is a continuation of the original 18 holes, which were also designed by Billy Casper. The new holes feature six lakes and numerous date palms.

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