

Miller joins Gill as partner

RIVER FALLS, Wis. — Garrett Gill has taken on longtime assistant Paul Miller as a partner in Gill Miller, Inc., Golf Course Architects.

The partnership "recognizes the contributions" of Miller to the firm formerly known as Williams, Gill & Associates, Inc. of River Falls, said Gill. Miller has

collaborated with Gill on course designs since August 1990.

Gill, a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects since 1981, followed his father, David Gill, into the profession and established his own design practice in 1985. He is a registered landscape architect in Wisconsin and Texas and a mem-

ber of the American Society of Landscape Architects. He earned a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master's in landscape architecture from Texas A&M University.

Miller is a registered landscape architect in the states of Minnesota and South Dakota. He holds a bachelor's degree in landscape architecture from the University of Minnesota.

MCCUMBER TRACK OPENS IN HOMETOWN

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — A new course designed by PGA Tour player Mark McCumber has opened in southern Jacksonville.

Developed and managed by PGA of America Secretary M.G. Orender, the semi-private Golf Club at South Hampton's official grand opening was in March. The course boasts acres of tall pines and native oaks, 16 lakes and more than 60 bunkers. Playing to a par 72, the course can range from as low as 2,805 yards up to 6,945. "My philosophy is to use the natural lay of the land in designing a course," said McCumber. "We were incredibly fortunate to have an incredible piece of land at South Hampton. With room for six sets of tees, it can be enjoyable for the high-handicapper, while also challenging the better golfers."

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meadows, valleys, woods, ponds — the full spectrum," Engh said.

The black coal slag, reminiscent of Jack Nicklaus' Old Works Golf Course in Montana, is a by-product of the power plant in Elgin. Wind and dust were factors in selecting the slag, a striking visual effect, Engh said.

Five area businessmen — Steve McCormick, Bill Fleck, Mike Halpern, Rob Sattler and Dan Waldoch — developed the project with the hope of bringing world-class golf to Bismarck.

Hawktree will offer daily-fee play — from eight different yardages — and limited membership programs.

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Fleck developed a system through which golfers could use the four and five tee boxes per hole to drive eight different course yardages. By allowing golfers to change teeing areas within an 18-hole round, "we are able to create eight unique ways to play and enjoy the course," he said.

A 20-handicapper, for instance, could play from the Eagle tees, and the course will play 5,640 yards. The next time, the golfer could mix in some Hawk tees and play the course at 6,042 yards. The golfer is not forced to play all the more difficult tees.

"It can make a lot of difference," Fleck said. "We want to get gender, age, or ability out of the equation. There's too much pride about what tee you're playing."

The North Dakota Golf Association told the owners it could slope Hawktree from all eight yardages.

"We will see how popular it is this year. It will be a fairly integral part of what we do," Fleck said. ▶

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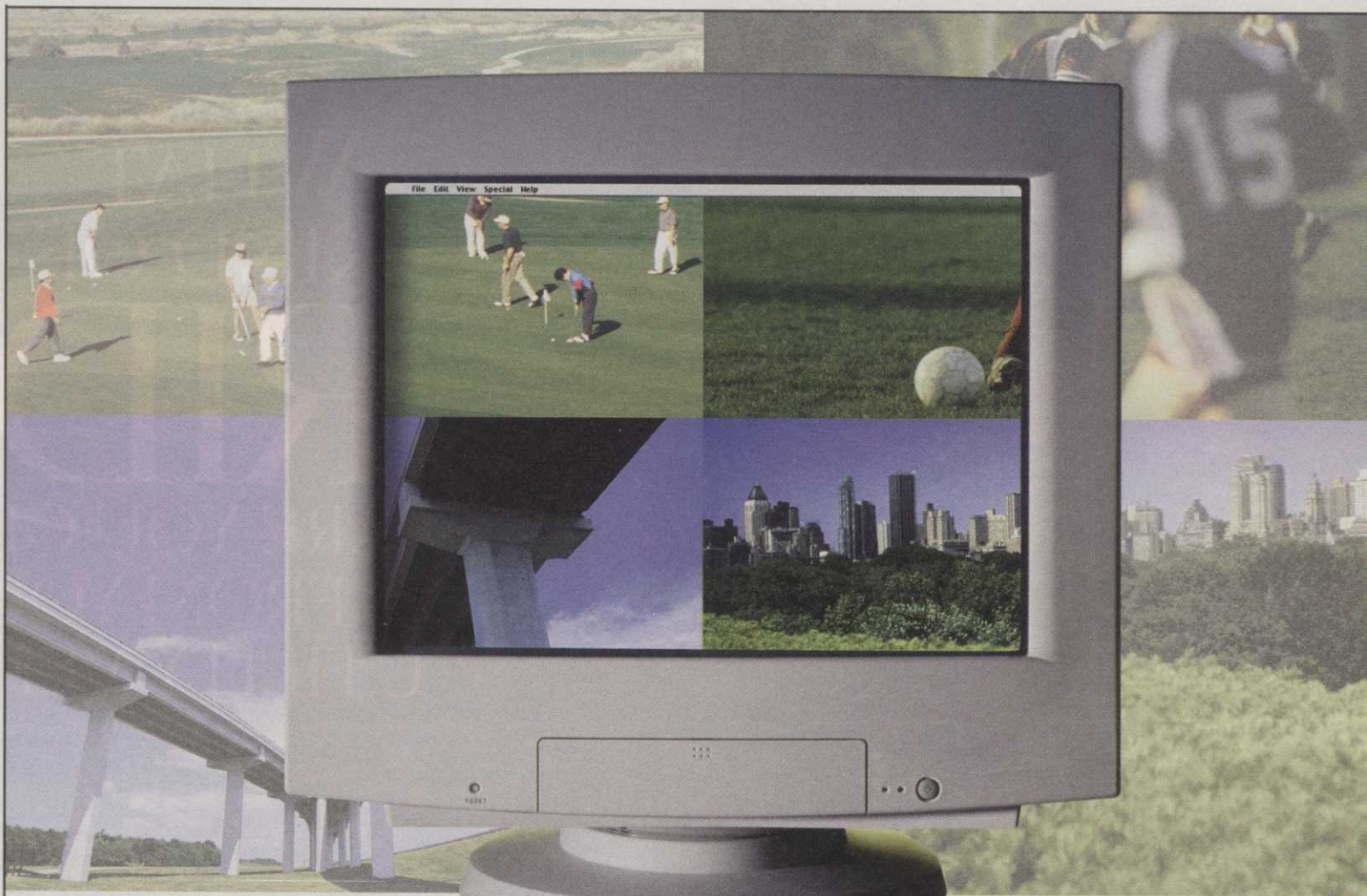
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estate development and club management. Applegate and Carton each derived their experience from long-term positions with other firms, including Gary Player's and Tom Fazio's.

Carton has been directly involved in designing more than 40 courses. Applegate has been directly involved in more than 35.

The firm is headquartered at 921 SE Central Parkway, Stuart, Fla. 34994; 561-219-8600. ▶

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