

## Rulewich set to refurbish Palmetto Dunes

BERNARDSTON, Mass. — Golf architect Roger Rulewich has signed aboard to perform a complete makeover of the Robert Trent Jones Sr. course at Palmetto Dunes Resort on Hilton Head Island, S.C. Construction will start in May 2001 and will involve all 18 holes, including the rebuilding of the greens, tees and bunkers, along with drainage work.

“Robert Trent Jones Sr. gave me my start in this business. We spent more than 30 years together, so this is a special project,” Rulewich said. “I’m excited about adding our touch to the tradition and heritage of this vintage golf course.”

Established in 1969, the Roger Rulewich Group is a golf course design and construction firm based in Bernardston, Mass. It has provided services for courses including Medinah, Bellerive and Valderrama. Prior to forming the firm, Rulewich spent 34 years as a design associate with Robert Trent Jones, Sr., including 21 years as

senior designer.

“One of Robert Trent Jones, Sr.’s greatest talents was inspiring dedicated people to help him fulfill the obligations of completing an incredible list of new and remodeled courses. His courses took shape more from his ‘eye’ on site than from the detail of his plans,” Rulewich explained. “He taught me the value of a hands-on approach to design that involves the skills of many others to interpret

and execute your ideas.”

The Roger Rulewich Group has also teamed with Jaime Ortiz-Patino, president of the Valderrama Golf Club in Spain. Rulewich implemented Ortiz-Patino’s plan to remodel the third, seventh, and 17th holes. The changes were made to add length to the course for future professional tournaments, including European Tour events and November’s American Express

World Golf Championship. Previously, Valderrama played 6,818 yards; it now plays 6,993 yards.

“We’re extremely pleased with the way the project turned out,” Rulewich said. “We achieved our goals of adding significant yardage without compromising the integrity of the course.”

Currently, the Rulewich Group is completing construction of four 18-hole layouts — Grande Dunes Resort CG, in Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Fox Hopyard GC, in East Haddam, Conn.; Saratoga National GC, in Saratoga, N.Y.; and Wild Turkey GC, in Hamburg, N.J. The firm also is remodeling the Yale University course, in Connecticut.



## Husky course

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a school logo and a description of that university on an inside placard. Near the cart staging area, 10 flagpoles fly the Pac-10 flags.

The clubhouse — the Varsity Club — is painted white with purple trim. Five TV sets inside play nothing but highlights of famous Husky events. The course continues the theme throughout the facility, including scorecard, bag tags, course flags, and so on.

Construction is scheduled to begin next summer on the project’s second phase, which will include another 18-hole track, the Open Course. John Fought is designing this new course also, and plans call for an opening in the spring of 2003. The Open Course has been named in part as a tribute to the British Open. It will feature rolling mounds and Scottish-type playing conditions. While the Open Course is mostly devoid of trees, the University Course contains a blend of deciduous and evergreen trees.

“Given the combination of ideal soil conditions, tree cover and elevation change, we feel this is as fine a golf site as we have seen in the Northwest,” Vincent said of WNGC, which encompasses 520 acres. Some 100 custom home lots, mostly along the University Course, are part of the project. ■

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