

## BRIEFS

### ASGCA SETS REMODELING SYMPOSIUM

CHICAGO, Ill. — The American Society of Golf Course Architects is continuing its "Remodeling University" education series. A day-long symposium designed to educate golf course decision-makers about the basics of remodeling is set for April 25 at The Olympic Club in San Francisco. Panelists and speakers include such well-known ASGCAMembers as Robert Muir Graves, Kyle Phillips and Bruce Charlton, vice president of the Robert Trent Jones II design firm. "This is a must for anyone currently involved in the remodeling process or thinking about remodeling in the future," said Brian Ault, ASGCA president. The program will address issues relevant to course owners, green committee members, general managers, superintendents and others, he said.



### BAILEY ADDING NINE AT POWDER HORN

SHERIDAN, Wyo. — Powder Horn Golf Club here, ranked second best in Wyoming, plans to open nine new holes in July of 2002. Golf architect Dick Bailey, of Scottsdale, Ariz., crafted the original 18 holes and is handling the design work. The par-36 addition, playing to 3,690 yards from the tips, "will further elevate the stature of the Powder Horn and provide golfers with an unforgettable experience," Bailey said. The daily-fee course, which opened in 1997, sits at the base of the Bighorn Mountains. Also on Bailey's drawing board is Golden Ranch in Oracle Junction, near Tucson, and two new golf layouts in Casa Grande, Ariz., for the Robson Communities.

### WEED RENOVATING COURSE FOR 'GATORS

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Weed Golf Course Design has been selected by the University of Florida to renovate the school's 1921 Donald Ross-designed 18-hole layout in Gainesville. Work will begin next spring, after the golf season is over, and the course is expected to be ready for play in fall 2001. "We have renovated designs by several architects, and it is always a challenge to review the original strategy and bring a great old design up to modern standards without interfering with the original flavor of the course," said Bobby Weed.

## Engh's Redlands Mesa on track for public play

By JAY FINEGAN

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Here on the western slope of the Rockies, where the Gunnison River meets the mighty Colorado, the Golf Club at Redlands Mesa is on track for public play this summer.

Designed by Jim Engh of Engh Golf Design Group, the 18-hole course will stretch to some 7,050 yards. The site is visually spectacular, featuring serpentine canyons, enormous boulders and dramatic views.

Rising majestically to the west are the 800-foot sandstone cliffs of the Colorado National Monument. To the east and across the valley looms the Grand Mesa, the world's highest flat-topped mountain. The red-rocked landscape is breathtaking.

The layout is testament to Engh's ability to work with difficult sites. The routing takes advantage of the natural surroundings, resulting in a course that blends well with the land. Typical of Engh's work here is the 17th hole, a 240-yard par-3. Lying more than 130 feet below the tees, the large green is snuggled into a natural rock amphitheater.

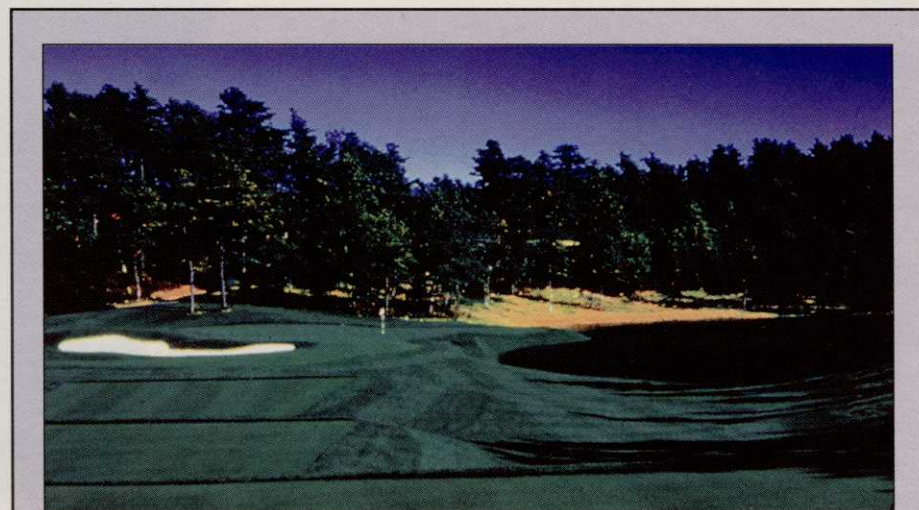


The third hole at the Golf Club at Redlands Mesa

Another striking green complex can be found at the 4th hole. This par-4 plays slightly downhill and bends gently to the right. The green hangs precariously on the edge of a 100-foot cliff. Any ball to the right, Engh says with understatement, "will not be recovered."

The layout is planted with bentgrass tees and greens and a Bluegrass/Ryegrass mix on the fairways.

RBI Golf of Littleton, Colo., built the Golf Club at Redlands Mesa, which Engh said "is sure to become one of the finest golf courses in the mountain region."



The 17th hole of the Rees Jones course at Pinehills Golf Club, set to open this spring

## Rees Jones, Jack Nicklaus building 36 holes at historic Plymouth

By JAY FINEGAN

PLYMOUTH, Mass. — More top-notch daily-fee golf is scheduled to hit New England this spring with the opening of Pinehills Golf Club here in historic Plymouth, eight miles north of Cape Cod.

The Pinehills complex will feature two new 18-hole championship courses, one by golf architect Rees Jones — opening first — and the second by Nicklaus Design, slated for a spring 2002 inauguration.

The club also includes the most extensive practice facilities in New England and three golf schools providing quality PGA instruction.

At Pinehills, golfers will be able to enjoy the "total golf experience" offered by the world's premier resorts, including a comprehensive range of facilities and the highest level of service and amenities, according to said David Leibowits, vice president of

Centennial Golf Properties, which owns and operates the club. "Pinehills was designed in keeping with the rich traditions of the world's greatest game and fills a unique niche within the golf marketplace," he said. "To find two championship golf courses of this caliber, along with the many amenities we offer, is unprecedented for New England, and creates an incomparable golfing experience."

### TWO COURSES, DIFFERENT LOOKS

Jones' recent accomplishments include the Nantucket Golf Club, honored as best new course by *Golf Digest* in 1998 and ranked among *Golf* magazine's top 100 Courses in the World. Jones also renovated The Country Club in Brookline, Mass., for the 1999 Ryder Cup.

At Pinehills, he worked with topography featuring dramatic, glacially carved kettles and kames. "Diverse

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## Newport National finally ready to break ground

By JAY FINEGAN

MIDDLETOWN, R.I. — Construction is finally underway at the long-awaited Newport National Golf Club, a 36-hole complex about five minutes from Newport's famous historic waterfront.

The first 18-hole course, an Arthur Hills design, is expected to be completed by next September, with a grand opening in spring of 2002. The second course will most likely open in spring 2003. The architect for the second layout has not yet been named.

Construction financing was secured through Rhode Island-based Clubhouse Capital, which is also serving as the project's golf and financial advisor. Clubhouse president George Marderosian said the total price tag on the project will be in the neighborhood of \$25 million, and that market demographics bode well for the club's financial success.

Wadsworth Golf Construction, of Plainfield, Ill., one of the world's largest golf course builders, is doing the heavy lifting, with Rainmaker Golf Development, of Columbia, Md., acting as construction manager.

Newport National's two courses — one private and one public — are widely considered to be in the front ranks of golf projects in the Northeast. The Aquidneck Island facility will sprawl over 400 acres of pristine farmland, affording views of the Sakonnet River and nearby farms and vineyards.

Both courses will be links-style layouts. "It's gently rolling land," said Marderosian, "but as with most Arthur Hills courses, there will be a moderate

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