

## Pointe West

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big fan of the 18th hole.

"I love short par-4s," he said. "Even from the back tees, you can take the driver out and go for the green. If you hit it, you can make 2. If you miss it, you can make 6. The average guy can take a 3-iron, lay up, make par and go home happy. But if you're one down coming into the

last hole, you can take out the driver and try to knock it on the green. It's just a fun hole."

Cammarene also likes the stretch from 10 through 14. Ten is a relatively short par 5 where "if you drive it to the right spot, you have a good chance at a 3 or 4. Then you start 11 through 14. If you can get through there in even par or 1 over, you're doing well."

Developer Charles Mechling believes the strength of the course

is its variety. "If you asked six people what was their favorite hole, you'd probably get six different answers," he said. "Some think 18 is the cat's meow. Others say 14. Personally, I like 10."

### 'NEO-TRADITIONAL' TOWN

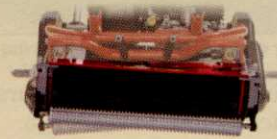
Mechling and Tom Jones are the two main principals for developer Pointe West Ltd. The course, which cost \$3 million to build, surrounds a residential area of 1,200 housing units, ev-



Pointe West's 8th hole, a par-3 playing at 215 yards from the back tee, features a waste bunker left and stacked bunkers on the right.



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everything from single-family homes to retirement units.

"It's a trend in urban planning, at least down here," said Sanford. "It's called neo-traditional. It's really a town within a town. The whole idea is to go back to the old days, the turn of the century, where houses sit out near the sidewalks, and there are back alleyways. There are front porches where people can socialize.

"It leads to less driving and more walking and bicycling.

"The community also provides all of the basic services," he said. "You've got a commercial center with retail, grocery stores, restaurants, shops, offices and a hospital annex. There's even an equestrian center and a polo field."

The Pointe West club sells non-equity single memberships for \$2,500 annually and family memberships for \$3,000. Green fees range from \$30 to \$60, including cart. "There's really nothing comparable in Vero Beach," Cammarene said. ■

## Forse Design hires new associate

HOPWOOD, Pa. — Forse Design, a golf course architectural firm here, has hired Todd Kurl of Lititz as a new associate.

"Our workload has expanded, and is taking us from East Coast to West Coast," said president Ron Forse. "Todd has been interning with us for over one year and just graduated from West Virginia University. He is learning the industry very quickly, and it seems like a perfect fit."

Kurl earned a degree in landscape architecture, with a minor in communications, from WVU. He has performed drafting chores and done cost estimates for Forse Design, following two years of internships with Derck & Edson, one of the leading landscape architecture and civil engineering firms in the East.

"I'm really excited about this work," said the 22-year-old Kurl, a golfer since his junior high days. "Ron Forse and Jim Nagle [a design associate, also from Lititz] have worked on some very interesting projects, including many restorations of courses designed by the great classic architects. I'm very interested in digging into the history of courses and learning a lot about the architects."

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