



## BRIEFS

### NGF: 29 NEW COURSES IN NOVEMBER

JUPITER, Fla. — The National Golf Foundation's latest tracking report on golf course construction activity across the United States shows that 29 new golf courses came on line during November of 2000. This brings to 490 the number of golf course construction projects that have been completed in 2000. November also saw a total of 47 golf course construction starts and the announcement of plans for 54 others.

### COURSE BUILDER KITCHEN TURNS POLITICO

CRYSTAL RIVER, Fla. — Ron Kitchen Jr., president and CEO of Barbaron Specialized Golf Course Construction, was elected the new mayor of this town of 4,200 people on Florida's Gulf Coast. The 44-year-old Republican squeezed out a five-vote victory on Nov. 7. Kitchen has been active in leadership roles in a variety of local organizations, including the Crystal River Chamber of Commerce, the Economic Development Association of Citrus County and others. He also was appointed by Florida Gov. Jeb Bush earlier this year to the board of directors of the newly formed Workforce Florida Inc. Barbaron is a certified builder and charter member of the Golf Course Builders Association of America.

### MARK GARRITY JOINS FORMA

IRVINE Calif. — FORMA, a land-planning, design and landscape architectural firm here, has added Mark Garrity to its staff. A licensed landscape architect, Garrity has more than 15 years' experience in golf course and resort landscape design. With FORMA, he'll be working on large-scale master planned golf course communities, resort projects and golf course landscape architecture. He also will be a director of the company. In the past, Garrity worked extensively in Thailand and Indonesia for Lifescapes, based in Newport Beach, Calif. He also worked as on-site art director during construction of the famed Shadow Creek Golf Club in Las Vegas, Nev. "We put in 10,000 trees, and I was in the field directing placement of streams, boulders and other features," he said.

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## Bandon Dunes Resort adding Pacific Dunes layout

By JAY FINEGAN

BANDON, Ore. — Hot on the heels of one of the most acclaimed new courses, Bandon Dunes Resort here on the southern Oregon coast is preparing to introduce another new layout, this one by golf architect Tom Doak.

Last year, the big news was Bandon Dunes, which quickly zipped up the charts to be ranked as the number-one resort course built after 1960; the best upscale daily-fee course of 1999; the 44th-best golf course in the United States and number 80 in the world. All that in its first year.

The noise this year is coming from Pacific Dunes, set to open in July. The par-71 layout, measuring 6,700 yard from the back tees, rests on a stretch of Pacific Ocean coastline that draws comparisons to the revered Alister MacKenzie course, Cypress Point.

Doak, who heads up Renaissance Golf Design, of Traverse City, Mich., has cut a jewel from the coastal terrain and inland dunes.

### HUMONGOUS BUNKERS

The course, just north of its sister Bandon Dunes track, features undulat-



The 11th hole at Pacific Dunes, a new Tom Doak design at Bandon Dunes Resort on the Oregon coast.

ing fairways, small but thoughtful greens, and a landscape that blends seamlessly with native vegetation and with the tract's wind-whipped sand masses.

Bunkers are another highlight. Two of

the largest bunkers on any golf course in America rest along the par-4 second hole and on the 18th, a strong, par-5 finishing hole.

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The 10th hole at Pine Hill Golf Club features numerous bunkers and waste areas, which are prevalent throughout the course

## Empire Golf opens Pine Hill

By ANDREW OVERBECK

PINE HILL, N.J. — Developer Eric Bergstol has added another course to his Empire Golf stable with the opening of the Tom Fazio-designed Pine Hill Golf Club here.

The new layout, which is a short drive from downtown Philadelphia, is in keeping with Bergstol's strategy to build quality public courses in underserved areas. "You have some of the best private courses in the country here," he said. But I've always believed the public should have the opportunity to play quality golf courses."

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## Stephen Kay's Architects' Golf Club nearly completed

By JAY FINEGAN

PHILLIPSBURG, N.J. — For 18 years, Stephen Kay harbored a plan to design a course commemorating the great golf architects of the past. His idea wasn't to copy their layouts but to capture their styles — the way they fashioned their bunkers, the way they shaped their greens, the subtle nuances and contours that gave their courses distinct personalities.

"I wanted to take golfers on a history lesson, starting in order from Old Tom Morris, who began doing golf architecture in Scotland in the 1860s," Kay said. "But I never found a client who was willing to do it."

Finally he did find an accommodating group of developers who wanted to build a course here in northwest New Jersey. They told Kay, "Stephen, you're the architect, you do what you want to do."

With carte blanche clearance and 175 acres of farmland to sculpt as he chose, Kay finally brought his old dream to life. The Architects' Golf Club, inspired by the artistic genius of 17 of the game's greatest designers, will open here in Phillipsburg next summer. The daily-fee course is nearly finished, and Kay seems pleased with the outcome.

### BUILT TO MODERN NORMS

The par-71, 6,844-yard layout, featuring five par-3 holes, will

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View of the Snow Mountain Course at the Paiute Golf Resort.

## Nevada's Paiute tribe building third Dye course

By JAY FINEGAN

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Construction has begun on a third Pete Dye course here at the Las Vegas Paiute Golf Resort. The 7,400-yard layout is part of the resort's \$500-million destination project that already includes two Dye courses, along with a clubhouse and banquet facilities.

The \$170-million "phase two" of the master plan includes the third course plus a fourth course, and involves construction of a casino, conference center and "luxurious" accommodations.

"Our third course will differ dramati-

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## Coral Canyon debuts in Utah

WASHINGTON, Utah — SunCor Golf's newest 18-hole daily-fee golf course, Coral Canyon, opened here recently. Designed by golf architect Keith Foster, the new layout provides a rare opportunity for players to enjoy luxurious golf on the doorstep of some of the world's most famed natural wonders.

Located at the northern end of the Mojave Desert, in southwestern Utah's so-called "Color Country," Coral Canyon's 7,029-yard, par-72 track provides stunning views of the red rocks of Zion National Park and Pine Valley Mountain.

Foster's design features 100 acres of turf, 55 sand bunkers, two lakes and a labyrinth of dry washes through the course, offering players a variety of risk/reward opportunities. Typical of the challenges at Coral Canyon is the short sixth hole — a 122-yard par-3. Seemingly dropped into the red rock outcroppings, this hole plays from a rocky tee box over a deep ravine.

The par-5 number 16 — 528 yards long — is nestled in a series of hills

that roll down to a punchbowl green guarded on the right front edge by a short bunker and on the left by two sharp ridges. A good drive and a sense of adventure will allow players a relatively clear approach to the green.

Cut into the property's mountainous terrain, Coral Canyon's clubhouse provides superb

views of the front nine as well as Zion National Park from an expansive picture window. The clubhouse features a large pro shop, a Southwestern-style grill seating 66 people, and an outdoor covered pavilion with seating for 200.

An intimate, high-desert golf community built on 2,700 acres, Coral Canyon offers both designer model homes and custom homesites with great views of the course.



Keith Foster's Coral Canyon Golf Course

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## Paiutes

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cally from the first two," said Kent McCutcheon, director of golf operations. "Players will notice a more severely mounded course with numerous elevation changes and more canyons and slopes. The course also will feature two lakes."

McCutcheon noted that the unique features of the new course require more exacting refinement, pushing the expected completion date to Nov. 1, 2001.

The two existing courses, Snow Mountain and Sun Mountain, have won national acclaim, both receiving 4.5 points out of a possible five in *Golf Digest's* 2000 rating. No other courses in Nevada scored higher, and Snow Mountain has been ranked as the best daily-fee course in the Las Vegas area.

Tribal chairman Curtis Anderson of the Paiute tribe said the new amenities at the complex are expected to make the resort a complete destination, comparable to such famed desert resorts as La Quinta, in the Palm Springs, Calif., area, and The Boulders, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

As a special concession to the overall golf experience, as well as to the environment, no development is planned along the perimeters of the golf holes on either of the two existing courses, nor on the two new ones. Paiute officials hope to retain the native desert ambience throughout the complex, located about 20 miles north of Las Vegas. ■