

GCBAAs certifies three course construction companies

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAAs) has certified three of its members: Duinincq Brothers Golf, Golf Creations and Reed H. Berlinsky Inc.

Established in 1992, the GCBAAs's professional certification program includes several stringent requirements designed

to identify competent and experienced golf course builders and ensure uniform quality standards. Certified builders must be in the golf construction business for at least five years, provide professional and financial references, attend a GCBAAs educational session annually, pass a written exam and engage in ethi-

cal business practices.

Duinincq Brothers Golf, based in Prinsburg, Minn., has been specializing in all aspects of course construction since the early 1980s and has been a member of GCBAAs since 1997. The general manager is Dave Munkvold.

Golf Creations, headquartered

in Marengo, Ill., has engaged in course renovation, restoration and new construction since its founding in 1987. Bryon Deaner is the company's project manager.

Reed H. Berlinsky, a member of GCBAAs since 1999, is a full-service golf course construction company with 25 years' experi-

ence in the field. The firm is based in St. Cloud, Fla.

The GCBAAs, established in the early 1970s and based here in Lincoln, is a nonprofit trade association of the world's foremost golf course builders and leading suppliers to the course construction industry.



Arthur Hills breaks ground at Maryland National

FREDERICK, Md. — Construction has begun on the Maryland National Golf Club, a new upscale public facility located in the rolling Maryland hills near Frederick. Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest and Associates has completed the design for the par-71, 6,658-yard layout, which is scheduled for a spring 2002 opening.

"This is a fine setting for a golf course," Hills said. "The hills, wetlands and other natural features, and the great views from all of the holes, will create a very enjoyable golfing experience. The golf holes fit into the landscape very well. They will offer strategic options, which are the basis of the course design."

The site, 40 minutes from Baltimore, offers dramatic elevation changes, which have been incorporated into the routing of the track. "The par-3s are the jewels of the course," Hills said. "They take full advantage of the terrain and wetlands. Hole number six, for example, is a downhill semi-island green surrounded by a stream and wetlands."

Hartley King, Tom Kniss, Dion McMullen and Tate DeWeese comprise the development group. "The need for more quality golf courses is tremendous," McMullen said. "Were very excited about building and operating an upscale public golf course and becoming part of the local business community." Furness Golf Construction will be the contractor for the project.

Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest and Associates is a full-service golf course architectural design firm based in Toledo, Ohio.

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