

**Fream**

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patterned Nine Bridges after a Scottish Highlands style, specifically the Kings Course at Gleneagles. Twenty-five revetted (sod-faced) bunkers punctuate the track, which features creeping bentgrass greens, tees and fairways. Bluegrass and rye semi-roughs fade into fine fescue true roughs.

"We brought in 150,000 cubic yards of sand, by barge, from the Yangtze River in China for all seedbeds," Fream said. "Even the fairways have eight to 10 inches of sand. We also moved more than 2,000 large trees, up to 30 feet tall, as a conservation and transplanting effort. Autumn leaf color is like New England. Japanese maple and Kryptomeria – a type of pine – are the primary trees."

Summer typhoons can pose weather difficulties, Fream pointed out, but the area receives only a foot or two of snow in the winter.

"There's nothing else like this in Korea," he said. "The course is initially for invited guests, but it will accommodate limited holiday play for tourists. The LPGA is slated to play a major international tournament here on Oct. 15. All the leading female players, including some rising Korean stars, will compete for a \$1.5-million purse."

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The owner of Nine Bridges, a Korean corporation called Cheil Jedang, is a major pharmaceutical manufacturer, with other interests in movie theaters, restaurants and film production. It formerly held a stake in Steven Spielberg's Dreamworks.

Orange Construction, a Korean group, handled the heavy work. "They did a fine job. It's a quality outfit," said Fream's partner David Dale, who did much of the architectural drafting work for the course. ■

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25 — *Northeastern Pennsylvania Turf School and Trade Show*. Contact: (814) 863-3475.

### AUGUST

2 — *New Jersey Turfgrass Association/ Rutgers Golf & Fine Turf Field Day*. Contact: (732) 821-7134  
4-5 — *Florida GCSA Annual Meeting*. Contact: Tom Crawford (941) 922-2141.  
22 — *Michigan Turfgrass Field Day, Michigan State University*. Contact: Kay Patrick, (517) 321-1660 or www.michiganturfgrass.org.  
30-Sept. 1 — *International Golfing & Turfgrass Maintenance Exhibition* Dalian, Liaoning, China. Contact: 86-411-2826339.

### SEPTEMBER

7-8 — *Southwest Horticultural Trade Show*. Contact: (480) 966-1610.  
9-11 — *World Fertilizer Conference, Chicago, Ill.* Contact: www.tfi.org.  
15-18 — *CMAA Leadership/Legislative Conference, Pentagon City, Va.* Contact: www.cmaa.org.  
19-20 — *Canadian West Horticultural Show*. Contact: (604) 574-7772.  
24-26 — *PGA International Golf Show, Las Vegas*. Contact: (203) 840-5468.

### OCTOBER

4-5 — *Turfgrass Landscape Equipment Expo*. Contact: (800) 500-7285  
7-9 — *Golf Course International (Munich, Germany)*. Contact: + 49 (0) 611-951-66-11  
15-17 — *Northwest Turfgrass Association Annual Conference*. Contact: 800-738-1607  
21-25 — *ASA, CSSA, SSSA Annual Meeting* Charlotte, N.C. Contact: American Society of Agronomy, www.asa-cssa-sssa.org.  
24-26 — *CPI Exposition/ Chemical Show*. Contact: (203) 221-9232  
Oct.31-Nov.1 — *Southern California Turfgrass Council Turfgrass Landscape & Equipment Expo, Pomona, CA*. Contact www.turfcouncil.com.

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