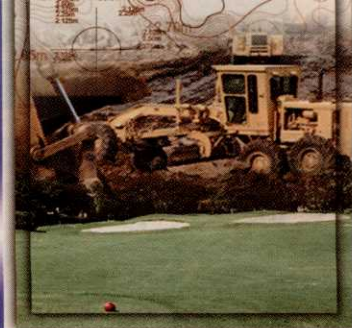


# DEVELOPMENT & RENOVATION



## BRIEFS

### PANKS COMPLETES ALIANTE DESIGN

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Gary Panks Associates recently completed the design of Aliante Golf Course in North Las Vegas, Nev., which is a joint venture between Del Webb Corp. and American Nevada. The course, which will be managed by OB Sports, is currently under construction with a Dec. 2003 opening scheduled. The course will feature 54 bunkers and 14 bridges. Greens surfaces feature TifEagle bermudagrass and the fairways and roughs will be Tifway 419 bermuda.

### METAIRIE CC RESTORING ITS RAYNOR DESIGN

METAIRIE, La. — Metairie Country Club is undergoing a restoration of its Seth Raynor-designed course, under the supervision of architect Ron Forse. The course had lost its character over the years, as its features softened. With no room for expansion, the members decided the best way to remain competitive in today's market was to restore the course to its 1920s luster, according to director of golf Greg Core. Construction began in January, and the course is expected to reopen in September. Raynor's original design included replicas of holes from famous courses of the day, including the Old Course at St. Andrews, National Golf Links and Shinnecock Hills.

### FARMLINKS TO OPEN JUNE 3

SYLACAUGA, Ala. — FarmLinks at Pursell Farms, a combination golf facility and testing ground, will officially June 3 with a fundraiser for juvenile diabetes research. The Hurdzan-Fry designed facility will serve as a laboratory of sorts for Pursell Technologies Inc. and its supplier partners to test products and technologies. It also provides an opportunity for the suppliers to demonstrate their products — both current and prototypes — to visiting superintendents who are invited for a two-day seminar.

## 'Aggressive' construction starts at Sunday River

By DEREK RICE

BETHEL, Maine — While plans are in the works for an official groundbreaking here at Sunday River Golf Club, construction is moving forward aggressively, according to Susan Duplessis, corporate communications manager for Sunday River.

"The 18th tee box and fairway are shaped, and work has begun on the driving range," she said. "The area for the clubhouse is being cleared and other miscellaneous work has begun as well."

Site work is also ongoing for the ninth fairway. As for the official groundbreaking, Duplessis said Sunday River is working with Robert Trent Jones Jr. to schedule a date when he can get up to Maine to be the guest of honor for



Harris Golf has commenced construction at Sunday River Golf Club, which promises to offer views of the surrounding mountains.

a ceremony. At press time, they were shooting for the late-May to mid-June timeframe.

Boothbay Harbor-based Harris Golf, which owns and operates two other courses in Maine, is

handling construction of the course, which began within a

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## Waynesborough CC changing its turf

Disease-resistant bentgrass to help club combat anthracnose

By JOE DEVANNEY

WAYNESBOROUGH, Pa. — Perhaps as much as any other area of the country, a strong sense of history permeates Philadelphia and its surrounding counties. Particularly in the "Main Line" western suburbs of the city, sites dating to the Revolutionary War and earlier are treasured and preserved.

One of these sites is Waynesborough, now a museum, but once the home of Revolutionary War hero "Mad" Anthony Wayne. Just a short distance from this historical house is the Waynesborough Country Club, whose land was once part of the Wayne estate. The club is now in the middle of renovations, which are both forward-looking and, appropriately for the area, firmly rooted in past tradition.

Waynesborough CC, which was founded in 1965, opened its first clubhouse in 1968. During the last 35 years, several expansions have occurred and membership has grown to 707 individuals and families, all of whom will be without a course for a while during planned renovations.

The course will close for a year on Aug. 1 so the fairways can be stripped and re-seeded as a disease-fighting measure, according to general manager Ray Kondziela.

"Our intent is to replace our present grass with a new and more disease-resistant grass. Specifically, we have had a problem with anthracnose, a disease that has affected many of the fairways in the northeast part of the country," Kondziela said. "We believe

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This summer, Waynesboro CC will replace turf on its fairways to help fight disease.

## Inverness to showcase renovation

TOLEDO, Ohio — At the end of June, Inverness Club here will host the Senior U.S. Open, giving the golf world a chance to see the result of Arthur Hills' renovation work. Completed last summer,

Hills' designs called for improving most of the tee boxes, moving or repairing fairway bunkers, removing some trees and improving drainage.

Using old photographs in

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Among the renovation work by Arthur Hills were these new bunkers, located on the 18th hole at Inverness Club in Toledo.

## Smyers giving Woods' home course a 'massive facelift'

WINDEMERE, Fla. — Architect Steve Smyers is undertaking the renovation of Isleworth Golf and Country Club here. If, for some reason, he should decide he needs a player's input on the project, he won't have far to look. Isleworth is the home course of Tiger Woods, Mark O'Meara, John Cook and a number of other PGA Tour players.

Smyers said he is taking "a whole fresh look" at the onetime citrus grove that became the cornerstone of a golf community in 1986.

Smyers said he is not intimidated by the proximity of so many PGA Tour players.

"Whenever and wherever we build, we design so whoever plays it will become a better player,"

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## Course at Sunday River on fast track

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week of the April 11 official closing the land deal. The course, which Harris will own and operate, is scheduled to open in summer 2004.

The stone-and-log clubhouse will be built using native lumber from the Maine woods. Details are

still being finalized, but the finished product is intended to be a reflection of the natural surroundings at Sunday River.

While the construction plan is ambitious, Duplessis said she did not foresee any delays in opening the course as scheduled.

*Golf Course News* will continue to follow the development of the course at Sunday River in future issues. ■

## Hills' Inverness work on display at Open

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some cases, Hills restored several greens that had been softened by years of wear and tear.

On the 18th hole, Hills replaced a right-side fairway bunker with three smaller pot bunkers to put more of a premium on shot placement. The remaining fairway bunkers on 18 were repaired and had their bottoms leveled to correct

shifting that had occurred over the years.

Hills added additional yardage to four holes, the 8th, 9th, 14th and 17th.

With the Senior Open in mind, space was cleared around a number of greens to make room for spectator stands that will be erected this month.

— Derek Rice

## The First Tee reports financial success

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stated last fall at its annual meeting (GCN, Dec. 2002). At that time, executive director Joe Louis Barrow said the organization was well on its way to achieving its goal of reaching 500,000 people by the end of 2005. The primary objectives for 2002 were to introduce 60,000 youths to golf, open 40 dedicated facilities and establish 75 affiliate relationships. While the number of facilities was lower than anticipated (30), The First Tee far exceeded the other two goals, reaching 100,000 youths and establishing 109 affiliate relationships. This year, according to the report, the organization hopes to reach 90,000 youths, open 45 facilities and es-



The First Tee honorary chairman, former president George Bush, recently helped celebrate the organization's 100th facility, in Richmond, Va.

establish 100 affiliate relationships.

As for total distributions in 2002, The First Tee received and distributed 22,000 pairs of Nike golf shoes, 20,000 dozen range balls, 8,000 dozen playing balls, 6,000 junior golf gloves, 3,700 sets of The First Tee clubs, 80 computers for database and facility management and more than 3,000 donations of miscellaneous supplies. The First Tee distributed more than \$1.4 million in grants to its facilities as well.

The First Tee also recently celebrated the opening of its 100th facility, The First Tee at Elson Redmond Memorial Driving Range, in Richmond, Va. Former President George Bush, honorary chairman of The First Tee, attended the opening and praised the organization.

"I am extremely pleased and proud to be involved with a program that has such a positive impact on the youth in our society," Bush said. "There was no way anyone could have known in 1997 that The First Tee would take hold the way it has, and the fact that this program consistently impacts the lives of 100,000 young people each year is a remarkable achievement."

In May alone, The First Tee opened facilities in Los Angeles, Sarasota, Fla., and central Florida, and announced The First Tee of Dallas. Several new initiatives are on tap for The First Tee in 2003, including the introduction of The First Tee University, launching a new Web-based communication solution and creating The First Tee chapter Web sites. ■

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As we finished our discussion, we realized that the old photographs produced a nice surprise for Philadelphia Country Club. Mike closed by adding "Bringing back the drama and grandeur of such a place has really been satisfying."

For those who are contemplating renovation, we're familiar with the common saying among Superintendents – "It's supposed to be a hazard". Mike discovered how to renovate bunkers so they stayed hazards for the golfers and not his maintenance budget.

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