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Off The Fringe

Business briefs

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A Polo Field, a Golf Course ... What's the Difference?

Where there's golf there's ... polo?

Why not? Wellington, Fla-based Jacobsen Hardy Golf Course Design recently broke ground on a unique renovation at Wellington Golf & Country Club that will include a polo field/practice range, and a golf course that will vary in length depending on whether or not the ponies are running that day. The facility will reopen at Thanksgiving with a new name.

Houston businessman John Goodman, who owns Wellington and the nearby worldrenowned International Polo Club Palm Beach, instructed Jacobsen Hardy to renovate the existing practice range into an area that could be converted easily into a polo field, as well as a ring for show-jumping competitions and other equestrian disciplines.

"Mr. Goodman's vision is to incorporate a spectator-friendly area for equestrian special events as part of the new golf course," Peter Jacobsen, PGA Tour vet and partner with Jim Hardy in Houston-based Jacobsen Hardy Golf Course Design, said in a press release. "It's a unique but extremely efficient use of the practice range that will provide added value to the club members and added challenge to the architects."

The golf course, which will undergo a thorough renovation in addition to its convertible practice area, closed April 15 with plans for a soft reopening on Thanksgiving as The Wanderers Club at Wellington, a private country club with membership by invitation, according to Louie Bartoletti, general manager of Wellington G&CC.

Making the polo field fit on the existing practice range required creativity, according to Jacobsen Hardy. Polo fields are typically crowned and drain to just 0.75-percent slope, explained Jacobsen Hardy Senior Vice President/Managing Architect Rex Van-Hoose. The minimum slope to move water off a golf course is generally 3 percent.

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Skyscraper). Gaughan was quickly dubbed Mant, his sister's married name, and it stuck with him the entire time he was on the tour.

In the off-season, he returned to work on the crew at Eugene.

"I had a job the day I came back," Gaughan says.

Gaughan says he didn't have a close relationship with his sister when growing up in Eugene because they are 10 years apart. He was 8 years old when she left for Arizona State University, where she became was one of the top collegiate golfers in the country. In 1970, she won the precursor to the NCAA individual title, the Division of Girls and Women's Sports tournament, which came two years before Title IX was enacted.

The common bond was the fact they were the two best athletes in the family.

"She was the No. 1 man on the boys' golf team (in high school)," Gaughan said of his sister, the first and only women's golf coach at Georgia Southern, a Division I program. "She was a jock."

And her brother was a natural choice as her caddy, Mant says.

"Chris is my only sibling that took golf very seriously; he was a 2 or 3 handicap," she says. "I thought it would be a wonderful opportunity for him to see his country and for me to have someone reliable in my corner."

Mant's transition from collegiate play to the professional ranks was neither quick nor easy. Her ego took a blow during the U.S. Amateur when she finished last in the qualifying round; "reverse medalist" is how Mant terms the dubious achievement.

She stopped playing golf competitively, became a buyer for a clothing company and married, only occasionally picking up a golf club. But about a year later, the game drew her back, and she became a teaching pro in California. She attempted to qualify for the LPGA, twice missing by a single stroke before making it in 1979.

Gaughan debuted on his sister's bag in May 1982 and was instantly accepted by other caddies. After the first few weeks of the tour, Gaughan settled in with a group of guys he traveled with from site to site, usually sleeping five to a room. The beds were broken down so that two guys had mattresses and two slept on box springs. The odd man out was the guy who caddied for the highest round, and he was forced to sleep elsewhere, including the car.

During his first few tournaments, Gaughan suffered because his sister played poorly. He explained to her the rules of the road in hopes she would pick up her game. "I asked her to shoot a 75," he says. "She shot an 82."

Despite the sometimes stark accommodations, Gaughan enjoyed the road. By the sixth week out, Gaughan met the woman, Debi, who would be his wife, when the tour stopped in Wheeling, W.V.

It was Debi who instigated the end of Gaughan's caddying career after the 1984 season. She told him, "I know how we met, and you can't stay out there."

Gaughan, who is still a single-digit player, returned to work full-time at Eugene and was approached by the general manager about taking over when long-time superintendent Bill Norman retired. Gaughan wanted the position but knew he needed more education, so he enrolled at Oregon State and took nothing but turf classes. He then interned for two years at other courses before becoming the assistant at Eugene in 1991. He was named superintendent in 1993.

Mant remained on tour until 1989 and was elected president of the LPGA Players Association in 1985. Since then she has been a teaching pro and golf coach. She sums up how she and her brother look back at their time on tour.

"If I had the opportunity again, I'd absolutely go do it," she says.

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Shades Of Green

OPINION

ur second cross-country vacation was just the break I needed. With my daughter in Australia for at least a year, we flew out to Los Angeles to see her off and drive her car

back to Orlando. Our 3,500-mile journey through winding canyons and across windswept deserts and prairies was a reminder of just how great it is to be an American.

We drove one way to California in the 1980s through the Sunbelt, seeing the Alamo, Carlsbad Caverns, the Painted Desert and the Grand Canyon. Now we were going to see the Heartland.

As a geology major, I had always wanted to also see the National Park "canyonlands" like Zion, Bryce and others in Utah. Our itinerary would traverse I-15 and I-70 with side trips crammed in along the way, including Dodge City, Kan., and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America headquarters in Lawrence, Kan.

There were no red states or blues states, just United States. But they were colorful indeed: deserts of tan and white; mountains, mesas, buttes and canyons of red, purple, blue, green, gray and yellow; prairies of dark green alfalfa and cream-colored wheat stalk stubble; light and dark green leaves of hardwood forests and miles and miles of freshly tilled fields planted in wheat, corn and cotton. Driving in snow flurries in Vail Pass, Colo., was a different April experience.

The limestone, sandstone and slate cliffs that towered above us in Utah and Colorado told the story of ancient seabeds now thrust up thousands of feet that were slowly being sculpted by the forces of erosion. When you see ancient ocean floors literally touching the clouds, man's influence on the planet is put into perspective.

Wildlife sightings were welcome as we noted mule deer, prairie dogs, chipmunks, turkey, pronghorn antelope, Steller's blue jay and ring-necked pheasant. The No. 1 predator appeared to be vehicles, although we did see scores of hawks everywhere we went. Three of the six pheasants I saw were roadkill, with possums and skunks topping that list.

From the Mountains To the Prairies

BY JOEL JACKSON



A TRIP THROUGH THE HEARTLAND EXPOSES A NATION FILLED WITH GRACE AND CHARACTER Strangest signage encountered was a couple of billboards in Kansas saying, "We've got land, water and power. We need people." And the mile markers in Missouri were oddly overkill. Many states have mileage markers every mile. But in Missouri, the "Show Me" state, there were mileage marker every two-tenths of a mile. I have to wonder about that taxpayer expense.

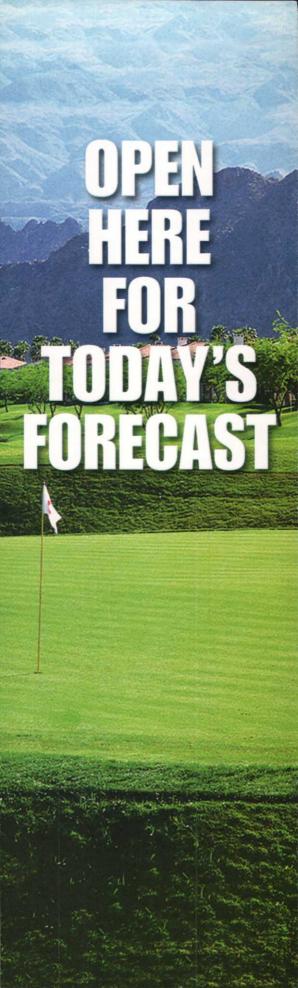
Gas prices were higher in California and Florida than anywhere else. The cheapest was \$2.57 a gallon in Kansas, or maybe it was Missouri. The lack of traffic in Utah, Colorado and Kansas was welcome, but a malfunctioning cruise control made for tired, cramped legs.

The only other hitch came when we overshot Salina, Kan., trying to make a few more miles that day after visiting Dodge City. We pressed on only to find no room at the inn in Junction City. Seems the next day was the spring scrimmage game for Kansas State, and there wasn't a room to be had. We had to press on another hundred miles to Topeka. That was a long day.

Best "down memory lane" moment was Tunica, Miss., My wife, Susie, lived in Tunica for one semester in the eighth grade. It was 1958. We found her house and her father's old garment factory, now a warehouse. The publisher of the local Tunica Times knew her father by name, partly because her dad built the factory for Susie's dad. Small world. Many residents still work the land, but a large number are now in the gaming industry. Tunica is the No. 3 gaming destination behind Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

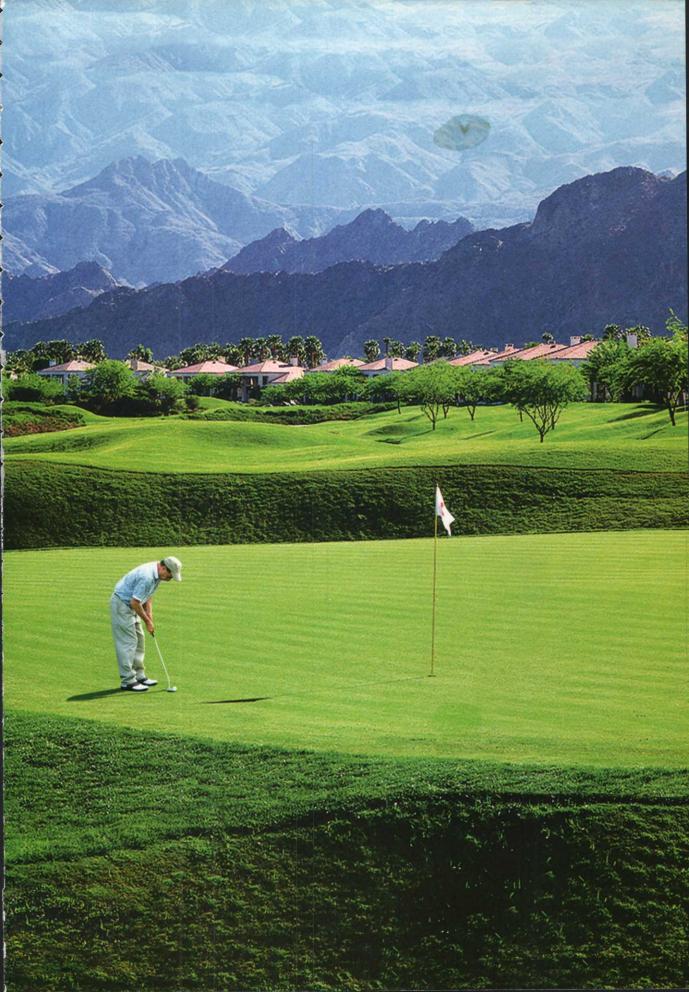
We drove through 10 states to get back to Florida, and each reach region had enough similarities and unique differences to make it a memorable journey — even the second time around.

Certified superintendent Joel Jackson is director of communications for the Florida GCSA.



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