

# GOLF COURSE DESIGN CHANGES.... YET IT REALLY DOESN'T

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTS

"They don't build them like they used to!"

Today we hear that about everything from cars to houses. What about golf courses?

"The golf course co-exists in a time-and place relationship with the players, their concepts, and their equipment," notes Dick Nugent, immediate past president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

"This relationship is in a continuous state of change. If the golf course architect is to be successful, he must design for his time and place, while retaining the values and traditions of the game."

Tradition, of course, is the key word in this statement, since no game relies on tradition more than golf.

One of the significant trends in golf course design is to a more "natural" course, which incorporates native bushes and flowers in its "waste" areas. One of the best examples of this type course is Pete Dye's Tournament Players Club in Ponte Vedra, Florida where Jerry Pate made headlines around the world by taking another of his famous dives.



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These "natural" areas not only reduce maintenance costs, but mandate another "new" concept--target golf. Since today's player has improved clubs and golf balls that enable him to hit the ball further, the golf course architect must counter with measures to protect par.

Is this really a new concept? Of course not! The great courses of Scotland feature natural linksland, as do many of the famous older courses in the United States, such as Shinnecock Hills.

Today's golf course architect, according to A.S.G.C.A. President Jack Snyder, simply is using the traditions of golf to cope with current realities--better playing equipment, higher maintenance costs and less water.

The "new" look in golf courses is not always readily apparent. Some have been built on unsightly landfill sites, while others are using recycled water for irrigation purposes.

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The American Society of Golf Course Architects has compiled a list of twenty-five new courses--covering a broad range of private, resort and public layouts--that provide an interesting challenge to golfers.

Some, such as the Tournament Players Club and the P.G.A. National in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida will become familiar sites through television exposure.

Others are noteworthy because of their breathtaking sites:

Broadmoor South in Colorado Springs, Colorado; Eagle Ridge in Galena, Illinois; Grandfather Golf and Country Club, Linville, North Carolina; Oyster Reef Golf Course, Hilton Head, South Carolina; Quechee Club, Quechee, Vermont; Port Ludlow Golf Course, Port Ludlow, Washington; Sentry Golf Course, Stevens Point, Wisconsin; and Kananaskis Golf Course, Alberta, Canada.

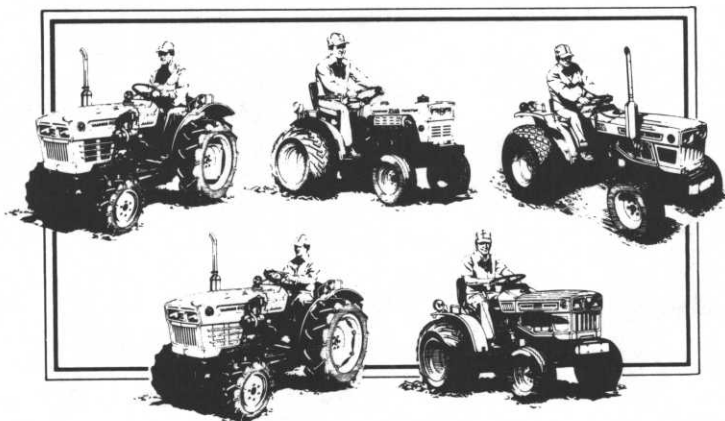
Golfers also will find outstanding new public courses, such as Mangrove Bay, St. Petersburg, Florida; Phalen Park Golf Club, St. Paul, Minnesota; Blue Ash Golf Course, Cincinnati, Ohio; and Garland Municipal Golf Course, Garland, Texas.

Given a few years to mature, some of these new courses may well be challenging such famous names as Oakland Hills, Cypress Point, Pinehurst, Pebble Beach, Augusta National, Oakmount, and Merion for their place in the list of the world's very best golf courses.

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