

FREAM GROUP DESIGNS FOUR INTERNATIONAL COURSES



Ancient dwellings from the days of Caesar were uncovered as Ron Fream and Associates saw its design take shape for an 18-hole desert course in Monastir, Tunisia.



The golf course architect is also building an 18-hole course along the coconut-studded coast of Tioman Island in Malaysia.

Ron Fream and his associates have been exploring terrain, ranging from the tropical rain forests of Borneo to the dry Mediterranean climate of Tunisia. They are currently working on the design and construction of four new golf courses. They've encountered spent artillery shells from World War II, mosaic floors from ancient dwellings and pottery possibly from Julius Caesar's legions as the earth was shaped for a course in the City of Monastir in Tunisia. They circumnavigated Viking gravesites when planning the fairways at a new course in Hassungared, Sweden. You wouldn't think from these stories that Fream's golf course architecture business is based in Santa Rosa, CA, but it is.

At Tioman Island, 30 miles off the East Coast of Peninsular Malaysia, construction has started on an 18-hole, 6,600 yard course which is to be part of a luxury "tropical hideaway" resort. The secluded site is one of aquamarine waters, deserted coral sand beaches, immense seaside boulders and towering groves of coconut palms, all next to steep mountains clad in lush tropical jungle. Five holes will play along the sea, among rock out-crops and through coconut-studded sand dunes. A 250-room hotel is being constructed amidst this tropical setting.

In the State of Brunei Darussalam, on the island of Borneo, construction is soon to begin on an 18-hole, par 72, championship-quality course to become part of the Sultan of Brunei's personal recreation facilities at the Royal Brunei Polo Club. This course plays among Casurina pine forests and sand dunes, along the South China Sea. The Sultan's new palace overlooks the new course.

The heavily wooded, undulating terrain of Hassungared, Sweden, is the fourth job the Fream Group has had in that country. The course, sprinkled with Viking gravesites in the rough, will be an 18-hole, 6,850 yard membership course.

Some of the greatest history is found in Tunisia where Fream has designed the first 18 holes of a 27-hole resort course located in groves of olive trees along the eroded cliffs of the Mediterranean Sea. The area was an encampment site for Julius Caesar's legions during his North African campaigns nearly 2,000 years ago. The only water for this course will have to be reclaimed from the adjacent sea at great expense.

The four new exotic courses bring Fream's international client list up to twelve and prove that golf course architecture is an international art, shared by all types of people in all parts of the world.

ROBERT TRENT JONES CELEBRATES 80TH BIRTHDAY

Robert Trent Jones, Sr., golf's most prolific and innovative golf course architect, will celebrate his 80th birthday on June 20, 1986. Jones has designed more than 450 golf courses in 34 countries for such notables as Lawrence Rockefeller, Lowell Thomas and President Eisenhower.

As he approaches his 80th birthday, he still works seven days a week and travels more than 300,000 miles a year overseeing projects and promoting new ventures.

NEW YORK TURF GROUP BOOSTS RESEARCH GIFT

The New York State Turfgrass Association (NYSTA) increased its annual donation of turf research funds to Cornell University in 1985 by 35 percent to more than \$45,000. In addition, the group is helping fund construction of a turfgrass learning center at the State University of New York, Cobleskill.

The gift to Cornell makes possible research in turfgrass cultivar evaluations, soil compaction studies, the effects of herbicides, control of turf diseases, soil fertility, wear tolerance and low maintenance turf. Part of the donation underwrites the costs of a graduate student at the University to assist Drs. Martin Petrovic and Norman Hummel. Other areas being researched are water use, drought tolerance and contaminated water through an Automated Rain Exclusion System for Turfgrass.

NYSTA Executive Director Ann Reilly says the funds were made available by gifts from members, local golf course superintendent associations, seed companies and chemical companies. Part of the NYSTA contribution was derived from a series of golf tournaments held throughout New York last fall.

JACK CANTU

Jack Cantu, owner of Wesco-Zaun, Sarasota, FL, passed away in April at the age of 58 after a long battle with cancer. He was formerly president of the Toro Company and vice president of O. M. Scotts Turf Division. Five years ago he purchased Wesco-Zaun, one of the largest distributors of Toro commercial products in the country.

The always pleasant Cantu was diagnosed to have cancer more than a year ago said his son Ned. Cantu worked until the day he died and hoped he would live to see the company's new office building dedicated. The building will be dedicated this month.

Wesco-Zaun has branches in St. Petersburg and Fort Meyers. Cantu's wife Mary will take the company over, said Ned, and his sister will join it soon.