



Lohmann Golf Designs Goes Green

Marengo, IL, July 24, 2008 --(PR.com)-- The golf course architects at Lohmann Golf Designs, already amongst the greenest firms in [golf course design](#), have reduced their carbon footprint even further. LGD, part of the Marengo, IL-based Lohmann Companies, announced in July that Course Visions, its award-winning newsletter, would no longer appear in paper form. First published by The Lohmann Companies in 1997, Course Visions will appear exclusively in cyberform going forward.

The paper-free reformatting of Course Visions works in concert with the relaunch of Lohmann's websites, which includes Lohmann Golf Designs, its sister course construction division, Golf Creations, and Lohmann Sports Fields. The enhanced sites have been completely reimagined and reorganized under a new all-encompassing URL: www.lohmanncompanies.com

“We're pretty old school in some ways, but we recognize that the web and email are now the most convenient, efficient and carbon neutral ways for The Lohmann Companies to communicate with our clients and colleagues in the golf, turf and sports field industries,” says golf course architect Bob Lohmann, founder/principal. “Course Visions had been produced twice a year, on paper. Going forward, we will publish 1-page installments that arrive digitally, via email, and more frequently.”

Lohmann added that past issues of Course Visions would be archived and available at www.lohmanncompanies.com

Going “green” in the world of golf course architecture, where green is already the default color, is something of a misnomer. But the [golf course architects](#) at Lohmann Golf Designs and the course construction experts at Golf Creations have long spearheaded the environmentally sensitive design and construction of golf courses, new and refurbished.

“We were green way before it was fashionable,” says Lohmann, past president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects. “With effort and imagination, green philosophies lend themselves well to [golf course architecture](#). There are dozens of examples, but two recent projects, Blackstone and Deerpath, illustrate this long-held philosophy.”

Blackstone GC in Marengo, IL is a brand new golf course design that, aside from providing 18 striking, strategic golf holes, stands out for its use of effluent. Wastewater captured not only from the course, but from the entire development, is funneled to holding/filtration ponds and re-used for course irrigation. Lohmann also points to the development of natural fescue areas at Blackstone that reduce maintained turf areas and serve as another filter for runoff.

During the renovation of Deerpath GC in Lake Forest, IL, LGD dealt with different water issues.

“A hospital located across the street had expanded to the point where large amounts of water ran off its property, under the railroad tracks and routinely flooded the course,” explains [golf course architect](#) Todd Quitno, LGD senior designer. “At first we proposed retention ponds, but we took it a step further: A



one-acre retention/irrigation pond and several acres of man-made wetlands that serve as an overflow network. Now, water comes from the hospital into a wetland system, which filters and stores it."

These new wetlands are stocked with water-born vegetation that enhances filtration capability. What's more, the project received government funding in the form of a 319 Grant on account of its environmental stewardship.

Lohmann Golf Designs is responsible for more than 35 original golf course projects, including The Merit Club in Libertyville, IL, site of the 2000 U.S. Women's Open. More recently, Lohmann unveiled Canyata, a stunning 18-hole golf club in Marshall, IL, which earned second place in Golf Digest's Best New Private Course rankings for 2005, and Mattaponi Springs Golf Club, just north of Richmond, Va. Mattaponi, too, was honored by Golf Digest, earning second place in the Best New Upscale Public category for 2005.

Lohmann has also lent his renovation expertise to more than 60 courses across the country. His work on The Traditions at Chevy Chase in Wheeling, IL, was recently honored by Golf Inc. magazine as the nation's best course renovation for 2003.

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