

On Course

News & Thoughts from Forrest Richardson & Associates, Golf Course Architects

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PUTTING GOLF TO WORK FOR SOCIETY



Håkan and Monika Rasmusson, organizers of the S:t Hans community golf concept

“We see golf as much more than collecting green fees and taking care of the grass. A golf course has the potential to become part of society to put people to work, teach valuable lessons and be sustainable with crop-to-table farm products.”

To our clients the Rasmussons, a golf course should be planned and operated for the benefit of the community.

At their Värpinge Golf Course in the heart of Lund, Sweden, this is being tested with active programs using surrounding land to grow crops and put people to work

who otherwise may not be able to find employment. “It is working,” notes Håkan Rasmusson. “Even people who have never set foot on a golf course are discovering that golf is nearly the same as farming, it’s just a different kind of crop.”

This philosophy has carried over to our work for S:t Hans, a new 18-hole club being planned just outside the center of Lund. The plan uses a farmland theme to incorporate old stone walls and grazing areas across the course. A barn saved from the Swedish countryside will double as maintenance for golf and farm.

The idea behind S:t Hans Golf Club is to involve the community in all aspects of the course — from taking care of the turf to putting areas between fairways to use for cooperative farming.



S:t Hans will use sheep to “mow” roughs, relying on less maintenance and zero use of chemicals for weed control.



The site of the S:t Hans Golfklubb looking across the rolling farmland.



Conceptual plan for the 18-hole S:t Hans layout.



Los Angeles Open held at Griffith Park (c. 1937)

GRIFFITH PARK’S WILSON & HARDING GET IMPROVEMENTS

The City of Los Angeles is preparing for the Special Olympics World Games to be held July 25th to August 2nd, 2015. Griffith Park’s historic courses, designed by George C. Thomas, Jr., will host the golf events.

Forrest Richardson & Assoc. has prepared plans for new forward tees, accessible cart paths and other improvements. The work is currently underway with construction to be finished in May 2015.

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