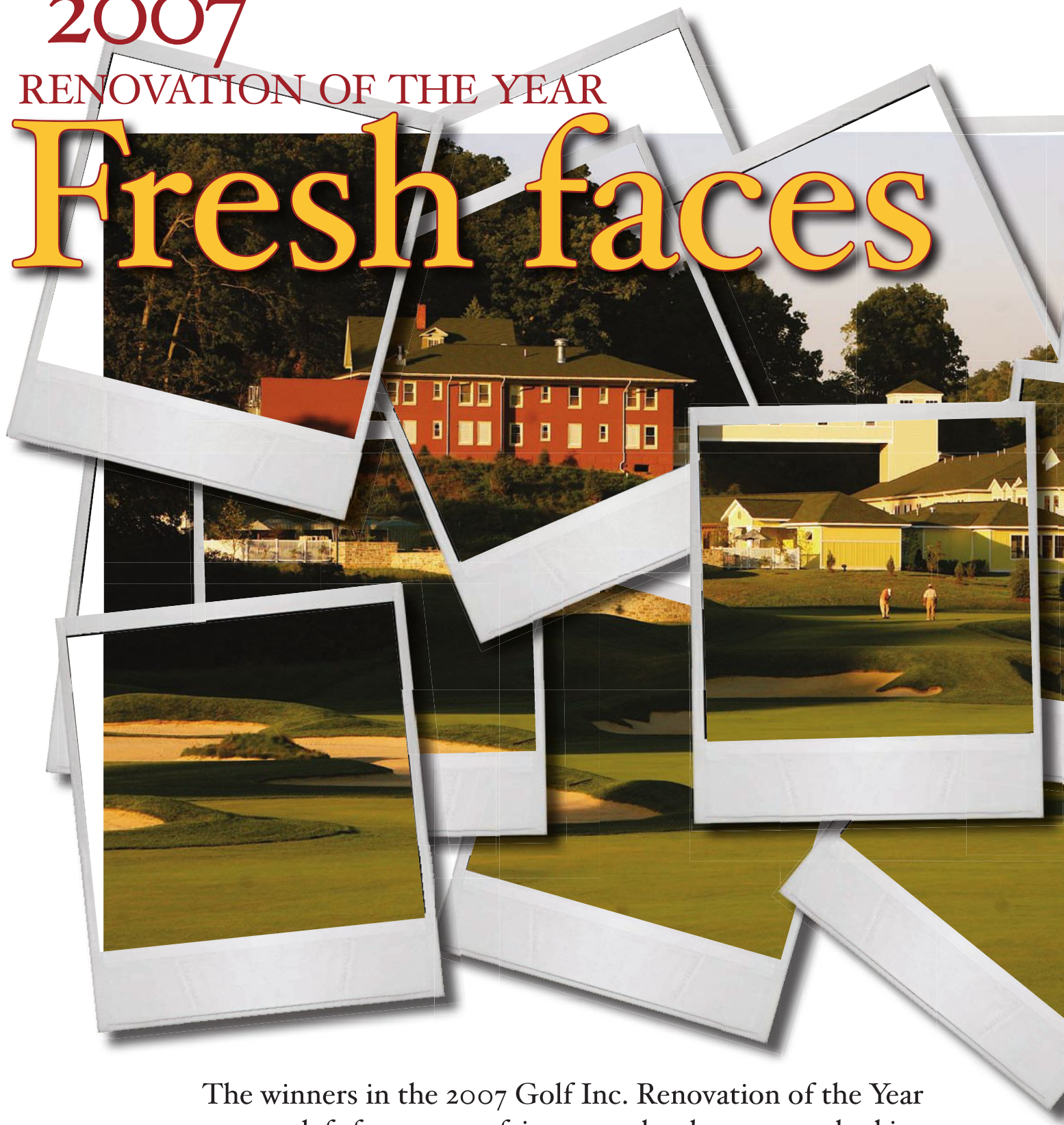
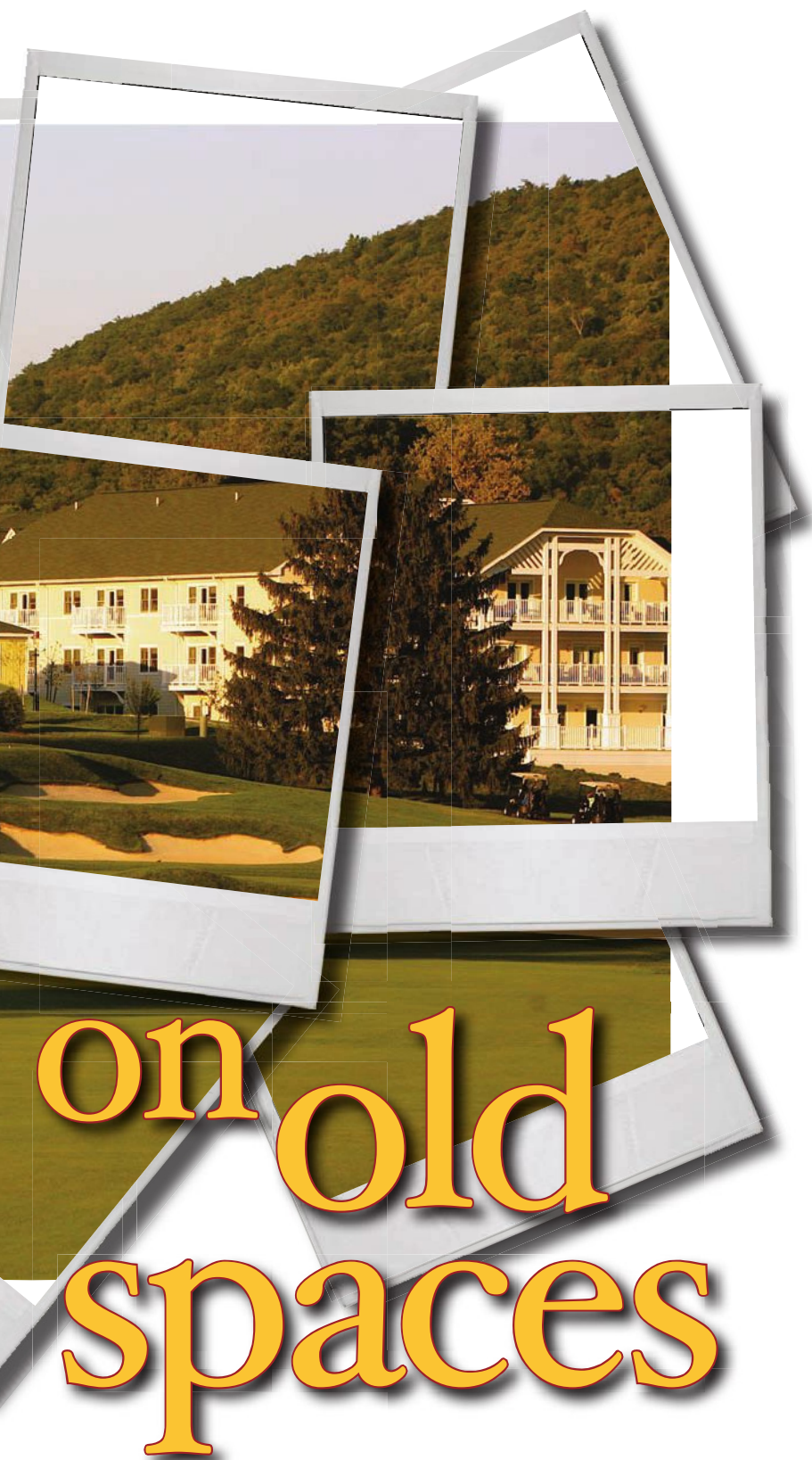


# 2007 RENOVATION OF THE YEAR Fresh faces



The winners in the 2007 Golf Inc. Renovation of the Year contest left few greens, fairways or bunkers untouched in restoring two classic facilities, Bedford Springs Resort's Old Course and Scioto Country Club, to their former grandeur.



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Sometimes the reasons for a golf course renovation are glaringly obvious. Sometimes they are so subtle that even club members don't see them. And sometimes, all it takes is a glance at a nearly empty parking lot to see why the decision to renovate was made.

The top finishers in the 2007 Golf Inc. Renovation of the Year contest all fall into at least one of those categories. The Bedford Springs Resort Old Course in Bedford, Pa., winner in the daily fee category, was an 1895 vintage Donald Ross design that was just plain worn out in many ways.

The daily fee runner-up, The Deltona Club in Deltona, Fla., desperately needed a fresh new look to keep up with the competition in the saturated Orlando area market.

On the private side, members of the private club winner, Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio, former host of the U.S. Open, PGA Tournament, U.S. Amateur and Senior U.S. Open, had to be convinced by experts that their treasured greens were desperately in need of rebuilding.

The private division runner-up, the Links course at Bear Lakes Country Club in West Palm Beach, Fla., desperately needed a facelift to match the conditioning and strategic values of its slightly older companion 18, the Lakes Course.

Regardless of the motivation, judges concluded that those four did a particularly good job of accomplishing their goals and then some.

During judging conducted at the recent Golf Industry Show in Orlando, judges Clyde Johnston, Allan MacCurrach III and Michael Seabrook rated the five finalists in each category on how well each renovation achieved its goals (50 percent), course routing upgrades (20 percent), improvement in course aesthetics (20 percent), and improvement in playability and maintainability (10 percent).

Here are the top finishers and why they won:



## Daily Fee Winner

### Bedford Springs Resort Old Course

Bedford, Pa.

**Owner:** Benchmark  
Hospitality

**Architect:** Forse Design

**Contractor:** Frontier Golf

1895

-Year opened-

Nov 2005

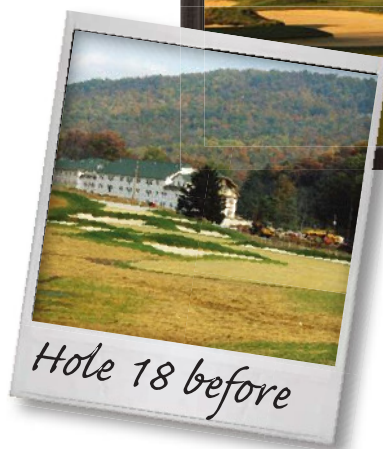
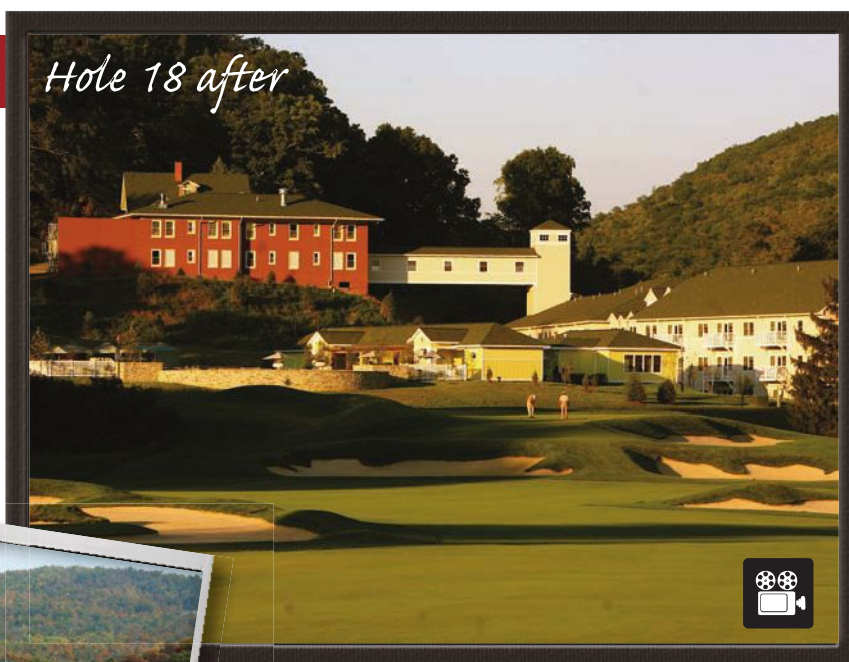
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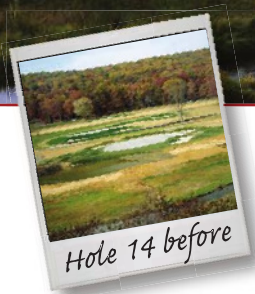
-Renovation completed-

\$7.2 million

-Renovation budget-



The Old Course at Bedford Springs Resort was just that—old. Many of the treasured original Ross design characteristics had eroded, literally and figuratively, in part because of the natural springs running through and under the facility. Forse Design and contractor Frontier Golf had to essentially rebuild the course, a process that took nearly two years and more than \$7 million from start to finish. Each green, tee and bunker was rebuilt, with new drainage, irrigation, cart paths and bridges. Several holes were also adjusted to alleviate safety issues resulting from today's modern equipment technology.



**“They kept the classic design from 1895, including the chocolate drops in the fairways that nobody does any more. I’m glad they kept it.”** —Clyde Johnston

**“There’s always something to be said for knowing what you have and preserving it.”**

—Michael Seabrook

**“It was key that they addressed the safety issue too, particularly today.”**

—Allan MacCurrach III