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The beat goes on in Bergen County, New Jersey integrating scattered pieces of Tillinghast into the renovation of Orchard Hill Golf Course.

As we turn into 2011, Bergen County, New Jersey is again busy with renovations on its 5 course stable of golf. This time the 9-hole Orchard Hills Golf Course in Paramus will undergo a major overhaul. Enhancements include 2 new holes, along with 23 new bunkers, new and expanded tee complexes, cart path improvements, drainage and irrigation expansion.

The work, designed by Robert McNeil, ASGCA Associate and principal of The Northeast Golf Company is underway with an extensive tree management program being directed by Downes Tree Service. This will set the scene for McNeil and Turco Golf, who was the chosen golf contractor, to execute the renovations.

The new features will embrace the remnants of some original Tillinghast styling from the 1920's scattered throughout the site, part of an 18 hole layout that would later be developed into Bergen County Community College. Tillinghast designed the renowned Ridgewood CC which is directly adjacent to Orchard Hills.



*The new hole and feature design will take inspiration from Tillinghast's features from the 20's within the original 18 hole layout.
(photo courtesy of Orchard Hills Golf Course, Peter Evans)*

McNeil makes the point, *"It is very exciting to continue our relationship with Bergen County and especially here at Orchard Hills as the course offers a fun 9-hole experience for players of all abilities. I believe it is the 9-hole layout that will be one of the offerings that keeps golf alive as players continue to be challenged with the time and dollars needed to play the game."*

Orchard Hills Golf Course

A challenging par 35, 2,879-yard 9 hole course conveniently located in the center of Bergen County nestled within the bustling streets of Paramus. Its golfing landscape is distinctive, set among beautiful, mature trees and along softly rolling terrain. Played as 9 or 18 holes this course guarantees an enjoyable and affordable round of golf hosting over 30,000 players per year.

The course was originally designed as an 18 layout in the 1920's then later reduced to 9-holes when the Bergen County Community College was constructed.

For information about Orchard Hills visit www.co.bergen.nj.us/BergenGolf.com or contact Kevin Purcell, Golf Manager for Bergen County at: (201) 336-7259

About the Northeast Golf Company: The mission of The Northeast Golf Company is to provide clients with the best golf course design service tailored to meet their individual needs. To be the best requires focus on the business objectives of each client by providing a creative and strategic plan that responds to the inherent nature of the land, the players served and the project budget.

Robert McNeil, ASGCA Associate has worked on over 100 golf projects throughout the country and internationally over the past 20 years. As President and Principal Golf Course Architect of The Northeast Golf Company and McNeil Design Collaborative he operates as the team leader providing creative direction while bringing together the necessary expertise and overseeing every aspect of a golf course project to ensure that the vision becomes reality.

"We take pride in developing relationships that are productive, long lasting and most of all fun, much like the courses we design." Robert McNeil

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