



## Course Designer Jay Blasi makes solo debut

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Up-and-coming golf course

designer, Jay Blasi recently opened his own golf architecture firm in the San Francisco Bay area. The Wisconsin native spent more than a decade working at Robert Trent Jones II, which prepared him for his own firm — Jay Blasi Design — where he is focused on creating, renovating, and restoring golf courses around the world and has already started a number of projects throughout the United States.

Blasi's first cluster of U.S. projects will be around San Francisco, starting with The Bridges Golf Club in San Ramon, Calif., where Blasi is leading a bunker renovation. He has also been asked to serve as consulting architect at Palo Alto Hills Golf & Country Club. Additionally he continues to work with the San Francisco Public Golf Alliance in its efforts to protect and restore the historic Sharp Park Golf Course, an Alister MacKenzie-designed municipal layout in Pacifica, Calif.

Blasi is also leading a major golf course renovation at SentryWorld in Stevens Point in Wisconsin. He will serve as the project architect working along side Robert Trent Jones II, the course's original designer.

Prior to starting his own firm, 34-year-old Blasi spent 11 years at Robert Trent Jones II, LLC, where he oversaw numerous renovations and expansions of existing RTJII courses. Blasi showed promise when he served as project architect on three new layouts: top-ranked Chambers Bay in Washington (site of the 2010 U.S. Amateur and 2015 U.S. Open); Stanford University's Siebel Varsity Golf Training Complex; and The Patriot, a nationally-ranked course in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Jay Blasi Design handles projects of all sizes and offers a wide range of golf design services including: golf course audits, master planning, working drawings and in-field design.

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