

NEW COURSES

Ault, Clark finishing four in East, S'east

Four courses designed by Ault, Clark & Associates, Ltd. of Wheaton, Md., will be completed this year, including three in the East and Southeast United States.

The architects have targeted September

as the completion month for Wild Quail Golf and Country Club in Wyoming, Del., Savannah Lakes Village Golf Course in McCormick, S.C., Kiln Creek Golf Course in Newport News, Va., and Emerald River Golf Course in Laughlin, Nev.

Another course, Ponce De Leon Golf Course in Hot Springs Village, Ark., is expected to be complete in September 1990.

Wild Quail Associates' Wild Quail private course is a 6,800-yard layout in central Delaware. The 6,950-yard private Savannah Lakes course, developed on hilly terrain by Cooper Communities, Inc., borders the S. Thurmond Reservoir.

The Kiln Creek terrain was perfectly flat but because of water drainage for the development, Ault, Clark & Associates sculpted more than 3 million cubic yards of soil, creating what it feels is "tremendous movement and elevations throughout the course."

The private, 18-hole course, developed by R.G. Moore Building Corp., will cover 7,000 yards.

The Nevada course, developed by John Midby & Associates, will cover 6,950 yards of hilly terrain bordering the Colorado River and surrounding four new casinos. It will be a daily fee course.

Cooper Communities is also developing the Ponce De Leon course, which will cover 6,900 yards and be a private facility built in conjunction with housing.

Palmer Design readies five

Palmer Course Design Co. of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., plans to open five new courses this year and is building another it expects to debut in 1991.

Palmer Design's Eagle Watch in Woodstock, Ga., will lead the parade with a May opening. It will be an 18-hole, daily fee course.

Cullasaja Club in Highlands, N.C., will open in July as a private 18-hole course.

White Eagle Club in Naperville, Ill., Spencer T. Olin Golf Club in Alton, Ill., and Angel Park in Las Vegas, Nev., are booked for August openings. White Eagle will be a private, 18-hole layout, while Olin will be an 18-hole municipal course and Angel Park a 36-hole daily fee facility.

Blueberry Hills, which Palmer is designing as an 18-hole private course in New Ipswich, N.H., is expected to open in the spring of 1991.

Maples completes private courses

Golf course architect and developer Dan Maples, who in November completed the private Longleaf Country Club which he owns in Pinehurst, N.C., is finishing another course this spring.

Dan Maples Design, Inc., expects to open

Providence Country Club in Charlotte, N.C., around ponds and meandering creeks and along rolling terrain.

The 6,905-yard par-71 course, owned by First Carolina Investors, will be a private facility.

Nevis Island faces 8-billion yen facelift

Tobishima Corp., a major Japanese construction firm, has announced that it will participate with French and Canadian concerns in development of a high-class resort on a Caribbean island.

Tobishima will form a joint venture with the Paris-based Dumez, a leading construction company in that country, and Four

Seasons Hotels of Toronto, to develop the resort of Nevis Island, part of the St. Christopher, Nevis Island Group.

The firm, Nevis Hotel Development Inc., will invest some 8 billion yen in the first phase of construction work to build a golf course there due to open by the end of the year, the announcement said.

Plans for academy endanger project

State funding for a golf course at Rocky Gap State Park in western Maryland could be jeopardized by a decision to include a two-hole golf academy in the project.

State Sen. John A. Cade, R-Anne Arundel, said he would not vote to support the academy if state funds were used to build it.

Gov. William Donald Schaefer requested \$12 million in this year's budget for the golf course at the park northeast of Cumberland.

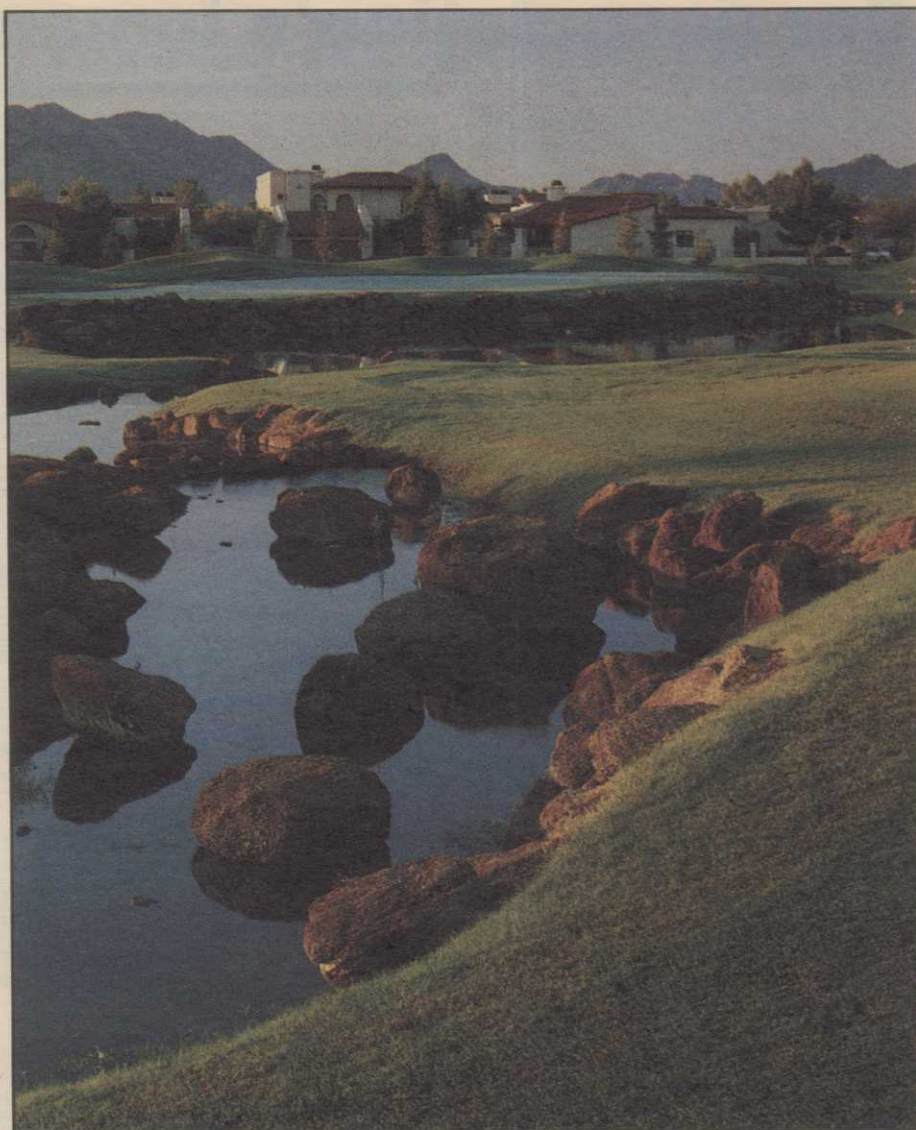
Cade said he and other members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee made a com-

mitment to build an 18-hole golf course if the state gets a private developer to build a conference center that many lawmakers believe is necessary to make the golf course financially viable.

But he said there was no commitment to pay for a golf academy with two additional holes, where golfers would go to improve their game.

Sen. Laurence Levitan, D-Montgomery, chairman of the budget committee, said the Department of Natural Resources

"ought to try to find private funding for the academy."



Stonecreek Golf Club in Phoenix, Ariz., redesigned by Arthur Hills and Associates, is a stunning course that meanders through the Paradise Valley area. This is the sixth hole of the layout, which Resort Management of America President Henry DeLozier wanted built to give players "the privilege of playing the game the way the pros play it." The course is actually in its third generation, being the transformation of the old Anasazi Golf Club.

Hills' firm dazzles with two-hole green

With one course having opened in January, three more due to be unveiled in July, and another nine under construction from Florida to Michigan, Arthur Hills and Associates are busy.

The firm almost completely redesigned Stonecreek Golf Club, formerly known at Anasazi, which opened in January in Phoenix, Ariz.'s Paradise Valley for resort developer Westcor. The 6,931-yard par-71 layout, long and narrow, strongly resembles the format of the Old Course at St. Andrews.

Stonecreek's dominant feature is a dry creek bed that has been deepened and redefined and filled with hundreds of thousands of rocks from the Salt River. The channel comes into play on all but one hole.

The course also features a double green (for holes 10 and 17) rising eight feet above the creek, which divides to encircle it. A USGA official said this was the finest example of a double green he had encountered.

One of the prime improvements to the previous facilities is a 330-yard-long practice area with tees at both ends and six target green in between.

Architect Hills and associates Mike Dasher and Steve Forrest are eyeing July openings for Willoughby at Mariner Sands in Stuart, Fla.; Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth, Mich.; and Pine Trace Golf Club in Rochester Hills, Mich.

Developers Sun Oil and Erling Speer plan a private club at Stuart where the course will measure 6,700 yards.

The 6,750-yard course at Plymouth and

the 6,600-yard course at Rochester Hills, Mich., will both be daily fee.

Elsewhere, Hills and Associates is designing:

- Ironhorse, a 6,900-yard private course in West Palm Beach, Fla., for developers Josh Muss and Alan Sher.

- Old Trail, Jonathan's Private Landing, a 6,900-yard private course in Jupiter, Fla., for Alcoa, Inc.

- Windward Hills, two 7,000-yard 18-hole courses in Atlanta, Ga., for Fuji Development.

- Green Ridge Country Club, which is relocating from its 27-hole site to a 36-hole layout in Grand Rapids, Mich.

- Maumee State Park Golf Course, a 6,900-yard municipal course in Maumee, Ohio, for Ohio State.

- Fairfield Communities (whose name will be determined), a 7,000-yard semi-private course in Green Valley, Ariz.

- Green Valley South (whose name will be determined), a 7,000-yard layout in Las Vegas, Nev., for American Nevada Corp.

- Airport Site, a 7,000-yard superior-type municipal course in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- And Harbour Pointe, a daily fee course in Seattle, Wash., for a limited partnership.

Hills and Associates is also in the bid stage on two courses — Windsor Parke in Jacksonville, Fla., being developed by Florida & Coro Investments; and Hatchett Creek at Jacaranda in Venice, Fla., a private course being developed by Gulf Stream Land Development.