Rees Jones took Haig Point challenge

Saying it is a challenge to add nine holes to a course that is already well received, Rees Jones nonetheless believes he has accomplished just that at Haig Point Club on Daufuskie Island across Calibogue Sound from Hilton Head, S.C.

Jones' unique 20-hole layout of the original Haig Point course has received acclaim as one of the best in the country. He said, "I think the new nine will complement the other two very nicely. It has the same degree of difficulty, the same sculpted character. I don't think this nine will take a back seat to either of the others."

The new nine covers 3,500 yards from the back tees and, like the existing course, features two holes where players will be given an option of routes to reach the same green. The 20th hole is a par 3 whose peninsula green is surrounded on three sides by water. One set of tees allows an approach over the narrow neck of land leading to the putting surface, but the other tees leave no choice but to carry the water.

Similarly, the fourth hole, No. 22 overall, offers two distinct teeing areas — one of which carries over a wetland — for the long par 4.

Garl takes on 27-hole Oak Ford course

Architect Ron Garl is designing a 27-hole course that will be a focal point of Oak Ford, a residential development that includes a 400-acre wildlife preserve in Sarasota, Fla.

"The majority of this great oak course will play through completely natural settings, land that has been set aside as a wildlife preserve," said Garl, adding that he aimed to design a challenging and enjoyable course that enhances the natural beauty of the site.

He said the course is unique for its quality of oak trees. "There is no other course in that part of the country that comes close to having the number of mature live oaks as Oak Ford," he said.

The project is being developed by Oak Ford Partnership, a group that includes the Home- stead Service Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary of Home- stead Savings Association of Middle- ton, Pa.; Dr. James Fricke, the owner of Hawk Valley Golf Course in Denver, Pa.; and El Joeben Philharmonic Group of Sarasota.

McCumber handling Mississippi site

Mark McCumber & Associates has been commissioned to design an 18-hole championship golf course at Timberton, a 4,500-acre residential development in Hattiesburg, Miss. The site was acquired as a wildlife preserve by J. Christopher Cornins, vice president of the parent firm, McCumber Golf of Middleburg, Fla.

Timberton is being developed by Golf Course Development Corp., a subsidiary of Timberton Realty Corp. The 400-acre site chosen for the golf course has a naturally rolling terrain and good tree cover.

It will be located within the Timberton residential community and is scheduled to open in autumn 1990. PGA of America Immediate Past President James Ray Car- pentter is serving as a consultant on the project.

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