Two holes rearranged to add 500 yards to 18-hole layout

NEW MILFORD, Conn. — CANDLEWICK Valley Country Club soon will be an 18-hole golf course with the desired 6,000-yard plus yardage. City officials recently approved rearranging two holes to add 500 yards and bring the 18-hole layout to almost 6,000 yards long.

AmpLee city property is available to lengthen the tees or redefine hole lengths to increase the course measurement. There had been opposition to a proposal to add three holes on 21 acres of club land opposite Still River, because the holes would have been placed on wetlands. Larry Lieberman, wetlands enforcement officer, contended that the area contains a sizable population of nancy berry bushes and small-flowered agrimony, rare in the state. All now seems well. A regulation course in town "will attract a broader range and larger number of golfers," said Michael Papp, head golf professional. He added that the changes would make the flow of traffic move through the course more easily. The current length makes some avid players avoid the club.

N.M. county's first public course prepared to open in July

BERNALILLO, N.M. — The 27-hole Valle Grande Golf Course, the only public course in Sandoval County, is expected to open in early July.

The driving range and 18 holes may be ready for play in June. Valle Grande is located on Jemez Canyon Dam Road, just west of the Coronado Monument, and is bordered by Jemez Creek, the Rio Grande and NM 4.

The nine-hole courses are named Tamaya, Coronado and Rio Grande. The course was designed by Kenneth Killian and pro Ken Green.

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$80M European resort planned in California

MURRIETTA, Calif. — An 880-acre European resort and health spa is to be built at the site of the old Temecula Hot Springs.

The resort will include a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts, Olympic-size swimming pool and an artificial lake with paddleboats.

The Nadel Partnership of Los Angeles is project architect for La Perla de California, the 141-acre grounds developed by hot water therapy specialists Drs. Edward and Johannes Zwick and due for completion late in 1992.

The Zwicks own and operate the largest hot water resort and spa in Germany.

Lake Worth GC improving back 9

LAKE WORTH, Fla. — Lake Worth Golf Course members, long resigned to scrambling for tee times and slow rounds, may get little relief when the "snowbirds" leave for the North.

The back nine will be closed May 1 for five months. The Lake Worth City Commission has authorized the gold course to go out on bid to remedy what is said to be lack of improvements to the incoming nine the past 45 years.

It is anticipated that grassing, fertilizing and irrigation work will be done in-house with existing staff.

Remodeling to the back nine will modernize and restore the course to a uniform playing condition, as well as complete existing drainage problems," said Assistant City Manager Kerry Willis. Cost is estimated at $180,000.

Front nine renovation began in 1987. Work was funded from retained earnings at the golf course.

Officials hoping for good weather

MUNDELEIN, Ill. — Mother Nature had best be kind the next few months, or an 18-hole golf course the Mundelein Park and Recreation District planned for opening in August 1992 may not make its teeoff date.

Receipt of a county site development permit three months later than expected has left little room for construction delays.

The course is planned for 200 acres south of Hawley Street and west of Chevy Chase Road in Fremont Township.

Barren a cold, wet spring, the course would be seeded this summer or fall.

Board President Ernest L. Smyrnakis said he did not have an excuse for the delay. County Building and Zoning Department Director Robert Streicher countered that the Park District did not provide until late December information required before a permit could be issued.