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One of world’s seven wonders a course feature

NATURAL BRIDGE, Va. — One of the seven natural wonders of the modern world will be a backdrop to The Links at Natural Bridge. The 18-hole championship golf course designed by Algie Pulley Jr., is scheduled to open during the second half of 1991.

Natural Bridge is a 36,000-ton limestone structure, carved over millions of years by the water and Cedar Creek which flows below. The Bridge stands 215 feet high (more than 25 stories) is 90 feet long and ranges from 50 to 150 feet wide.

The course is "destined to be one of the most breathtaking and challenging golf courses in Virginia," Pulley said.

The course will offer an added dimension to the Natural Bridge Village, home of the Natural Bridge, which is visited by more than 250,000 people a year.

Natural Bridge Caverns, geological formations that are 34 stories underground with ceilings that reach 100 feet high, are also on the land.

A wax museum houses 152 life-like figures and offers an on-site working factory open to the public.

Featuring multiple tees and large undulating greens averaging 8,000 square feet, the Links with play from 5,400 to 7,150 yards at par 72.

Natural Bridge Village also boasts the "Drama of Creation," a nightly sound and light show at the Bridge and a yearly Festival of Lights held from after Thanksgiving into January.

Nicklaus raves about S.C. site

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Heavily wooded lowland areas, open spaces, salt and fresh water marshes, riverfront and even an area of dunes mark the site of the Jack Nicklaus signature golf course at Colleton River Plantation, which is on schedule for a fall opening.

Colleton River Plantation is a private residential country club community being developed by the Hilton Head Island-based Colleton River Co., L.P. on 700 acres adja-cent to the South Carolina Nature Preserve and Moss Creek Plantation along the Colleton River.

Malphrus Construction began earthmoving and lagoon excavation in November. Grassing of the fairways, tees, greens and rough areas is planned for late spring or early summer.

"The site of Colleton River Plantation offers as much variety as any golf course property that I’ve seen in the Southeastern part of the United States," Nicklaus said.

"The last five holes will play through the dunes, which reminds me a little of Cypress Point," he said. "At Cypress Point, you play come out into the sand dunes, which offer as much variety as any golf course property that I’ve seen in the Southeastern part of the United States," Nicklaus said.

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In addition to the 18-holes, championship-length course, Nicklaus will design an "Augusta National-type" par 3 course that will wind through the grounds near the clubhouse.