Putting course debuts in San Diego

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — They're popping up all over the country. In Japan, they're an innovative solution to a lack of land. Now, the San Diego Princess Resort in Mission Bay has joined a growing list of resorts by premiering its new 18-hole, architect-designed, putting course.

"The course is professionally landscaped with cacti and other indigenous plantings," said Richard Kanappell, director of marketing for the Princess. "The course offers fairways, rough, bunkers and many of the challenges of a regular 18-hole course, but can be played in about one fourth the time of a standard game."

The course was designed by David Norman Fleming, president of Golf Properties Management, Inc. Fleming has worked on many California golf courses, including Singing Hills Country Club and the Rancho California Golf Club. He has served as construction consultant to such architects as Tom Fazio, Robert Trent Jones Jr. and Joe B. Williams.

Course at heart of N.C. land battle

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Council of State will meet in July to decide whether to close the Riverside Golf Course near Pembroke. The course is on property the state bought in 1984 for the site of an Indian Cultural Center. Instead, Riverside arose.

Now a board developing the center again has requested the course be closed, claiming that because of floodplains and other environmental concerns, there is not enough land at the site to support both the golf course and the center.

Legislation may be required to keep the golf course open because the General Assembly bought the land for the specific purpose of building a cultural center.

Bay area course plans dealt blow

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. — A renewed campaign to build a golf course on the southern watershed again has met strong resistance from San Francisco supervisor Bill Maher.

"San Francisco takes seriously its role as steward of the water supply of 2 million people. Efforts to develop the watershed San Francisco owns are misguided," Maher declared.

Golfers have asked that a ballot measure be prepared for November, asking voter sentiment on use of Edgewood County Park for a course.

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