Senior Skins venue Mauna Lani’s new layout

Francis T. Brown North Course opens with a flair

A brand new South Course at Mauna Lani Resort on the Big Island of Hawaii’s Kohala Coast will stack up against some of golf’s greats at the fifth annual Senior Skins Game, Jan. 25-26.

Designed by Homer Flint in conjunction with the Honolulu-based design firm of Belt Collins and Associates, the South Course is the result of nine holes being added to the existing front nine of the Francis T. Brown Golf Course.

Another nine holes were added to the back nine of the original Brown course, and it is Mauna Lani’s North Course.

“We are very pleased with the expansion of our courses at Mauna Lani and we know the South Course will provide the Senior Skins Game competitors with a super test on Super Bowl weekend,” said Jerry Johnston, director of golf for Mauna Lani Resort, Inc.

Meandering over the dark, rich lava flows of Kalahuipua’a, the South Course offers dramatic ocean views.

It was designed to be enjoyed by the average player as well as professional.

The North Course emphasizes rolling fairways. Groves of twisted kiawe trees along the fairway edges and more pronounced topography give it a flavor that contrasts sharply with the South Course.

Course OK’d on farmland

ALBANY, Ore. — The Linn County Board of Commissioners has backed a Planning Commission decision not to allow building a golf course on the 346-acre farm of Jefferson brothers Leighton and Monte Weddle.

The Planning Commission ruled last May that the location would not be suitable for a golf course because it is in a flood plain and flood way, and because the land is zoned for exclusive farm use.

Pen Park a year ahead of schedule

PEN PARK, Va. — Pen Park Golf Course’s new nine holes could be completed next summer, one year earlier than anticipated.

The City Council approved the $3.5 million expansion of the nine-hole layout about 14 months ago.

City parks and recreation director Eugene German said the stepped-up construction schedule requires the city to send an emergency $90,000 to fertilize the new nine and cut the grass until the course is ready for play.

The money would go to hire four course attendants, lease mowing equipment and pay for chemicals.

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