Buckeye Creek proceeding, with eye for partner

MINDEN, Nev. — Buckeye Creek Corp. has announced that a tentative map has been approved for its 2,478-unit residential planned community in Douglas County.

The project will be developed on 998 acres in the Carson Valley. Among other recreational amenities, the development will include an 18-hole championship golf course and a 9-hole executive course. Both will be public daily-fee courses. The Buckeye Creek development also includes congregate care housing and 58 acres of commercial areas including a resort hotel/casino site.

Larry Walsh, vice president finance/marketing, stated that "ground breaking is scheduled for early 1993. Buckeye Creek Corp. is seeking a joint-venture partner to develop and operate both golf courses and possibly the resort hotel (casino) site."

According to Walsh, "The Buckeye Creek golf courses will be open almost all year. We fully expect to attract a great deal of play from the Tahoe area by offering the Lake Tahoe tourist an affordable alternative. The Tahoe courses are often crowded and expensive, and are limited by a much shorter golf season. Our market studies indicate a definite need for these golf courses."

Cherry Valley opens back 9

PRINCETON, N.J. — The Rees Jones-designed Cherry Valley course has opened its back nine.

The 18-hole layout measures 6,960 yards and serves as the centerpiece for Cherry Valley, a 444-acre master-planned country club community being developed by DMM Residential Properties Corp.

Unlike the front nine, which opened in the fall of 1991, Cherry Valley's 3,483-yard back nine is more heavily wooded, features greater changes in elevation, and crosses picturesque Bedens Brook five times.

"The back nine has its own special character and topographical rhythm," said Steve Philbrook, director of golf. "Initially, the back nine will prove a distinct challenge to golfers who've only had a chance to familiarize themselves with the idiosyncrasies of the front nine, but it won't severely punish their games."

Clifton, Ezell let nature reign at Highland Creek

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — For the new Highland Creek Golf Club, mother nature made many of the rules.

The course, set to open in early spring, was planned by the design firm of Clifton, Ezell and Clifton, which took the meandering streams, lakes and ponds, dense tree cover, rocky outcrops, and rolling terrain and developed a course where the demands of play will be matched only by the layout's natural beauty.

The par-72, 7,000-yard course is the centerpiece of Highland Creek, a 1,770-acre master-planned community that offers a wide range of homes and recreational amenities. It is being developed by American Newland Associates.

Architect Ken Ezell said Highland Creek Golf Club will be demanding mentally as well as physically. Its use of the natural characteristics, such as the creeks and water features that come into play on 12 holes, and the abundance of bunkers will put accurate shot placement at a premium.

Young signs on to design course in Ga. project

COLUMBUS, Ga. — Mike Young has been selected as the designer for a $4 million golf development here.

The project is being undertaken by Developers-Investors Inc., a subsidiary of the Bradley Co. on 500 acres of undeveloped land owned by the W.C. Bradley Co. It will include an upscale, public 18-hole golf course, a 5,000-square-foot clubhouse and 450 homesites.

The golf course will be nestled among pines and lakes occupying 160 acres of the property. Young has designed a par-72, 6,900-yard course to challenge the above-average golfer and yet be enjoyed by the beginner.

Holmes & Co. of Orlando, Fla., will begin construction in August, with an anticipated completion date of Labor Day 1993.