DEVELOPMENT

Hale Irwin's Southern Woods opens in Florida

HOMOSASSA SPRINGS, Fla. — Southern Woods Golf Club opened Nov. 9. Southern Woods is a 293-acre master-planned community adjacent to the 7,500-acre Sugarmill Woods development near the Gulf Coast and the Crystal River.

The newest Hale Irwin Signature golf course is a 18-hole par 72 private country club.

The golf course is gently carved out of the ancient Florida wilderness. It was designed to preserve the rolling sand hills, towering pines and majestic oaks. "The site is unique with a variety of natural features," said Irwin. "I believe the design will become known for its sensitivity to the existing landscape and the fair challenge it presents to each golfer." The golf community, developed by Flovicc and Co., a Florida corporation, retained Sugarmill Woods Management, Inc. as the construction manager.

Architect Richard M. Phelps is providing the architectural support to the project.

Hills Puerto Rico design 'dramatic'

LAS CROABAS, Puerto Rico — The region's first golf course designed by Arthur Hills is scheduled to open this fall, with a second 18-hole course under development.

Located 31 miles from San Juan, on the northeast tip of Puerto Rico near Las Croabas, the \$200-million, 926-room El Conquistador Resort and Country Club sits atop a cliff with a 300-foot drop to the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Caribbean Sea on the other. They merge in a harbor below the resort.

The par-72, 18-hole championship course has dramatic views that extend across water as far as St. Thomas and over land to the mountains of the El Yunque rain forest.

Says Hills, "Without question, the El Conquistador golf course is breathtaking. It offers tremendous elevation changes and the views from the course are awesome. It is the perfect site for a world-class resort and golf course."

Lake Nona gets World Cup selection

ORLANDO — Lake Nona Golf Club, a Tom Fazio design under the management of head superintendent Ken Glover, has been selected as site of golf's 1993 World Cup. Opened in 1987, Lake Nona has already been included in *Golf Digest's* list of America's 100 greatest golf courses.

This year's World Cup competition is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 12-14 and was sanctioned by the PGA Tour. GOLF COURSE NEWS



DYE, STRANGE CONSULT AT KINGSMILL

Renowned golf architect Pete Dye, right, who 17 years ago designed Kingsmill's River Course in Williamsburg, Va., recently returned to consult with tour pro Curtis Strange, left, and Ed Seay of the Arnold Palmer Golf Design Group. Their mission was to make Kingsmill's River and Plantation courses even more challenging. "We need to keep up with the other, newer courses in the area," Dye said.

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