Trevino/Graves collaborate in Japan

A resort country club course within view of one of Japan's sacred mountains is the latest achievement of Lee Trevino/Wm. Graves, Inc. in conjunction with Sanford & Associates, the Jupiter-based golf course and landscape architectural firm.

Sanford teamed with the Trevino/Graves Co. in designing the Regent Miyazaki Country Club course, which opened in August.

Located on Kyushu Island in southern Japan, the 18-hole, par-72 course features breathtaking views of sacred Mt. Kirishima from 12 of its 18 holes. Its length is 6,820 yards from the back tees; 6,208 yards from the men's tees; and 5,570 yards from the ladies' tees.

Preparing the Miyazaki site was a major undertaking, since the existing topography was extremely irregular, with a series of valleys and peaks that offered drops as much as 330 feet from high points to low. More than 5 million cubic yards of earth had to be moved before the terrain would be playable. In addition, a $15 million storm drainage system was installed to handle the heavy rainfall typical of southern Japan.

Former rice paddies and existing dense plantings of cedar trees were transformed to what is expected to be a highly popular course. The lush trees provide framing, backdrops and buffers between the holes, while the greens are extremely large, averaging 10,000 square feet.

Golf Resources keeping busy

Several principals of Dallas-based Golf Resources, Inc. have returned from completion ceremonies at the Petaw golf project in Hokkaido, Japan. The 27-hole project took approximately two years to complete and has been billed as one of the finest golf courses in Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan.

Golf Resources' team, including architect Maury Miller and agronomist Don Armstrong, worked closely throughout the design, planning, construction and grow-in phases to create the course.

They and Sam Swanson also visited the Byron Nelson Country Club, Golf Resources, Inc. is the architect for this Byron Nelson signature golf course, a 27-hole resort in Ivaki City on the coast of Japan. Completion for this project is scheduled for the summer of 1995.

Domestically, Golf Resources, as architect, is completing the construction of the Shadow Ridge Golf Club in Omaha, Neb. This 18-hole golf course, with PGA player Tom Sieckmann as design consultant, will be a championship daily-fee golf course with residential development surrounding the course.

Major Nevada project proceeds

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 958 acres in the Carson Valley. Among other recreational amenities, the development will include an 18-hole championship golf course and a nine-hole executive course. Both will be public daily-fee courses. The development also includes a senior center, a riding arena and 38 acres of commercial areas including a resort hotel/casino site.

Larry Walsh, vice president, said that "subtotal 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."

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