Player tackles sites in Pa., Fla.

Golf great Gary Player will design courses in Pennsylvania and Florida that will draw heavily on his extensive game background.

Diamond Run Golf Club is Pittsburgh's newest residential golf course community. The par 72, 7,000-yard course and driving range cover more than 200 acres.

HawksCrest, a new concept in blending residential communities with golf courses and nature, will be developed as a sister project to Alqua, one of Central Florida's most prestigious communities.

Diamond Run construction, just begun, will be complete in the summer of 1994. The clubhouse is scheduled for completion in August, 1994.

Residential plans are for 232 homes, 134 single family homes and 58 carriage homes.

Diamond Run is located in Ohio Township, Allegheny County, on Nicholson Road, two miles from I-79 North, 11 miles from downtown Pittsburgh and 17 miles from the new international airport.

HawksCrest construction will begin early in 1993. The 7,300-yard, 18-hole layout will have approximately 90 acres of irrigated, mowed and fertilized grass. This is 40 percent less than the typical golf course now constructed throughout Florida.

"The natural portion of the course will be an extension of the habitat environment which provides the natural foraging area for small animals to live on the edges of the fairways, and birds in the trees—especially hawks," Player said.

The course winds through sand hills 35 feet high.

An elaborate practice area will include a teaching facility, chipping and putting greens and an 18-hole putting course.

What You See.

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