**JONES OPENS FLORIDA TRACK**

ODESSA, Fla. — Fox Hollow Golf Club, an upscale public-access facility featuring an 18-hole championship golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr., opened for play Jan. 20. Fox Hollow is the centerpiece of the 3685-acre master-planned Trinity Communities development in southwest Pasco County 30 miles north of Tampa. Each hole has six sets of tees on the par-71 course which can play from 4,454 to 7,138 yards. William Sandri of Bernardston, Mass., owns and will operate Fox Hollow. Sandri also operates the award-winning Crumpin-Fox Club in Bernardston, Mass., designed by Jones.

**MAPLES TRACK REOPENS**

SUNSET BEACH, N.C. — The Dan Maples Golf Course at Sea Trail Plantation and Golf Links has opened for play after undergoing a renovation. First opened in 1985, the Maples Course is Sea Trail’s original track. The renovation consisted of resurfacing eight greens with Penncross bentgrass to allow for more consistent play.

**PALMER HIRE VEAL**

Joe T. Veal has joined the staff of Palmer Landscape Design Co. as design associate and construction inspector. Veal interned with the company during summer breaks from his studies at the University of Georgia, where he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in landscape architecture. After graduation and prior to joining Palmer Course Design, he worked as a project superintendent for MacCarruch Golf Construction Co., Inc.

**SULLIVAN TABBED FOR NY JOB**

VALHALLA, N.Y. — Sullivan Architects of Valhalla has been retained by Westchester County as the project architect and Cornish and Silva Inc. as course architects for the expansion and rehabilitation of Mohansic Golf Course. Sullivan Architects and the County officials are hoping to have golfers playing the expanded facility by the spring of 1997.

**BARBARON BUILDING AT CYPRUS LAKE**

LAKELAND, Fla. — Barbaron, Inc. of Crystal River has been selected by Cypress Lakes Ventures to construct a new 18-hole additional course at the Cypress Lake Golf and Country Club here. The course has been designed by Powell Golf Design of Bradenton and is scheduled to open in the early fall.

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**Florida Public Television tunes in:**

**How to construct a golf course**

**By Mark Leslie**

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — With golf development booming all around it and the golf industry bringing billions of dollars a year into the state, the southwest Florida public television station is broadcasting a 13-part documentary, How To Build a Golf Course.

"Golf is a large component of the construction and real-estate business in southwestern Florida. Most real-estate developments are using golf courses as a prime marketing tool," said Kirk Lehtomaa, station manager at WSFPTV, who will offer the series nationwide this spring. "Within a 10-mile radius of our station, at least six or seven 18-hole championship courses are under construction."

"With that in mind, Lehtomaa spent part of 1995 following the construction of a fourth nine holes at Pelican’s Nest here, from pre-construction site inspections in April through opening day in December. The result is the series of half-hour shows which began airing Jan. 20. Each show will be broadcast twice — Sundays at 2 p.m. and Thursdays at 8:30 p.m. In the first segment an environmental consultant walks the audience over the course, pointing out wildlife that will have to be protected and enhanced. In another show, Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. of record

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**NYC skyline the backdrop for Jersey City track**

By Peter Blais

JERSEY CITY, N.J. — There is a bright light at the end of the Liberty State Park tunnel. And the chief proponent of the long-awaited golf course project says there is a better than even chance believers will be able to drive through it by summer’s end.

"We’re hoping to get Department of Environmental Protection and Energy approval within the next six months," said Peter Yevik, former superintendent of the non-profit Liberty State Park Development Corp. If approved, construction should start in early 1996. The course could be ready for play in 1997, two decades after the idea of a golf course was first proposed.

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**72 Holes and Growing**

The Scott family continues to add to its Golf Lake View Golf Club halfway between Chicago and Detroit, and is in the midst of a new 18 that will make a total of 90 holes. Stonebridge, shown here, was designed by Charlie Scott, as was Golf Lake View West. Darl Scott designed Golf Lake View East. Dori Scott designed Golf Lake View West and Bill Mitchell laid out Bedford Valley — both of which Charles Scott later remodeled.

GOLFCOURSE NEWS
Liberty Park course revenues ‘will drive development’ on the site

Revenues from the $10 million golf course — which will afford spectacular views of Ellis Island, Statue of Liberty and Manhattan skyline — will also pay for $13 million in improvements and additions to the rest of the park.

Approximately 75 percent of Liberty State Park, which opened in 1976, has remained undeveloped for lack of funds.

"The course is the engine that will drive development," Ylvisaker said.

Ylvisaker has been around for most of the past 20 years. He has seen environmentalists and no-growthers delay the project again and again, through the courts and through the media.

But opponents have never provided an alternate plan that would pay for the needed improvements at a time when the government simply doesn’t have the cash.

"It’s been frustrating," Ylvisaker said, "and it should finally pay off."

The turning point, Ylvisaker said, came in December. That’s when the working committee — consisting of local and state officials, concerned organizations and individuals — endorsed reducing the course size by 75 acres. Many opponents warmed to the revised plan and the recommendation was forwarded to the DEPE, Ylvisaker said.

"It will still be a quality course and leaves room for everything else," said Mark Mungeam, associate designer with course architect Cornish & Silva.

The park sits on an abandoned railroad yard where the presence of heavy metals has been an ongoing concern.

Experts have recommended putting a two-foot-thick soil cap over much of the site.

The cost has been estimated at $4 million.

But a recent development could reduce and possibly eliminate that expense, making additional money available for other Liberty State Park projects.

The state Department of Transportation must remove 800,000 cubic yards of clean fill as part of a wetlands mitigation project on nearby Route 287.

DOT expects to receive bids on the project in February and could make the fill available, at no cost, to Liberty State Park.

"It would assure public safety, help with the design and significantly reduce golf course costs," Ylvisaker said.

Once completed, greens fees are expected to be between $20 and $26, Ylvisaker said.

At a projected 53,000 annual rounds, he said the golf facility could generate $2 million in annual revenues within a few years.

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takes viewers to two golf holes under construction, discussing what his crews are doing, what he looks for from shapers, and other related issues.

In another show, Fazio Golf Course Designers’ project director Charlie Feeley explains how to build a golf green.

Since public television stations are independent, some may choose to run the shows while others may not.

But, Lehtomaa said he has talked to several public television station managers who enjoy golf and "they seem to have an interest in the series." (Coincidentally, a number of them played Pelican’s Nest, a popular public track, during a conference two years ago.)

The part of the construction that most impressed Lehtomaa was "There is a great deal that goes on under the golf course that people never see. I was astonished at how much time and energy is spent moving water off the course after it rains."

When will the series be airing on stations that pick it up? "With public television, you never know," Lehtomaa said. Stay tuned.