Suncor, MCO strike gold with Foster in Arizona

By MARK LESLIE

FOUNTAIN HILLS, Ariz. — The Quarry in San Antonio, Texas, opened the door, and Keith Foster says he has walked on in, grabbing the opportunity afforded by great new projects for good people,” Foster said from his St. Louis headquarters. “The Quarry enabled people to see what we could do. Now we have to follow up to get to the top, to create wonderful courses.”

Five Foster designs stand on the brink of opening, beginning in mid-November with new SunRidge Canyon Golf Club in this community neighboring Scottsdale and the Foster-remodeled Paradise Valley Country Club, an exclusive club in Phoenix.

Next summer will come Buffalo Run, a high-end municipal course in the City of Commerce City, Colo., and Washington National, a low-use daily-fee club in Seattle. Steamboat Springs, Colo., will add a high-end municipal course, Haymaker, which will be finished this year but won’t be grassed until next spring for a 1997 opening.

Words like stunning, incredible, wonderful, dramatic, striking, refreshing flow from Foster’s lips as he describes his new creations.

SunRidge Canyon, he said, will be “incredible. The front nine does not return to the clubhouse. You go out, have an uninterrupted experience and then come back to the clubhouse. It is reminiscent of classic golf courses of years ago and abroad.”

SunCor Development Co. and MCO Properties, two of Arizona’s largest developers, formed a joint venture to build this project. SunCor Vice President Thomas Patrick asked, “How can

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HONOLULU, Hawaii — The golf course architectural design firm Nelson • Wright • Haworth (NWH) has promoted project managers Mark Miller and Brett Mogg to the positions of vice president and director, respectively. Miller has been with NWH in Honolulu since 1989. Mogg, who divides his time between Singapore and Sydney, Australia, joined NWH in 1989 as a project manager.

CLASSIC GOLF EXPANDS

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Classic Golf Group, Inc. has announced the expansion of its offices here. The firm can be reached at 505 On The Park Building, 505 Avenue A Northwest, Suite 218, Winter Haven, Fla., 33882; or calling 941-299-0900; or faxing 941-299-6147.

HILLS OVERSEAS WYKAGLY FACELIFT

NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. — Wykagyl Country Club completed an $825,000 renovation as part of a master plan developed by architect Art Hills in time for the LPGA’s JAL Big Apple Classic in July. The project included work on 46 tees, 64 bunkers and three greens. Lawrence Van Etten designed the original course in 1905 with Donald Ross (1916) and A.W. Tillinghast (1931) adding their touches in later years.

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Located 35 minutes northeast of Asheville, the development will include a range of condominiums from $140,000 and homes from $500,000 — revminums from $140,000 and of Asheville, the development fairly certain it eventually will be Higher is better course is the product of architect Scott Pool, a former Pete Dye pupil, who performed much of the design work in the field, climbing atop a bulldozer to sculpt the 18 holes from rocky mountainsides.

"This golf course is the result of Scott's artistry, vision and complete hands-on approach to the challenge," Banks said. "Building 18 holes across this kind of topography takes constant supervision from the architect. We're thrilled with the results."

"Now, we've breathed a sigh of relief," Banks added, saying the course and swimming and tennis complexes are complete and the new $1.4 million clubhouse will be finished later this year.

"Then everything's done except building homes," he said. "The market seems to be responding very well." Banks well knows the drill. He was involved from 1975-80 with Winter Green, which operates one mountain-top course. After working with the head golf pro at Shipyard Plantation on Hilton Head in 1982-83, he joined Gulfstream Development Corp. of Florida, overseeing completion of the condominium complex at Palmetto Oaks in Summerville, S.C., and Kiva Dunes in Gulf Shores, Ala.

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from 4,600 to 6,220 meters.

A local earth-moving company is building the courses, on such projects as the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island, Blackwolf Run in Kohler, Wis., and the Honors Course in Chattanooga, Tenn. Pool designs include Legend Oaks in Summerville, S.C., and Kiva Dunes in Gulf Shores, Ala., with Jerry Pate.

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CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — The Golf Course Builders Association of America has announced the election of new members to its board of directors. These newly elected directors are now serving their first, two-year term: Mike Harrington of Harco Fittings and Gary Paumen of Kenova Construction Corp.

Current officers of the GCBA are President Jim Kirchdorfer of Irrigation Supply Co., Vice President Paul Eldredge of Wadsworth Golf Construction, Secretary Bill Kubly of Landscapes Unlimited, Inc., and Treasurer Jeff Gredvig of John Deere Co.


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