Rees Jones adds 9 at Otter Creek

COLUMBUS, Ind. — Otter Creek Golf Course, one of the top public golf courses in the United States, has opened a new nine holes. The addition was designed by Rees Jones, son of original Otter Creek architect, Robert Trent Jones Sr.

Since opening for play in 1964, Otter Creek has been host to the Indiana State Amateur for 25 years in a row; 1991 USGA Amateur Public Links Championship; several U.S. Open and U.S. Senior Open Qualifiers; four American Junior Golf Association Championships, as well as Independent Insurance Youth Golf Classics.

While the new nine holes reflect some of the character of the original course, Jones has created a track with its own identity as well. It spans 5,330 yards from the back tees, with at least four tee placements on every hole.

The $3 million addition will help Otter Creek better meet demand and provide flexibility when making improvements to the original course.

Ault, Clark designing across several states

KENSINGTON, Md. — Ault, Clark & Associates, Ltd., the golf course architecture firm based here, is busy in several states. To wit: Tom Clark is designing the firm’s seventh course at Hot Springs Village, Ark., for Cooper Communities, Inc. Construction started in March. Ault, Clark recently completed the new Diamante Course, which is a private club built by CCI and Club Corp of America.

The new Magellan Course will be built by the Property Owners’ Association at the site of the Parformance Golf School. With wide, generous fairways, just over 40 sand bunkers, and hundreds of grassy depressions, this course will be most playable for the senior and high handicap players. This is the 20th course that Ault, Clark has completed for Cooper Communities, Inc.

Brian Ault is returning to the Beach Club Golf Links in Ocean City, Md., to add a second 18 holes to his original layout. Construction starts this spring, with the course targeted for opening in the summer of 1996.

Meanwhile, Bill Love and Dan Schlegel are overseeing construction of the second 18-hole course at Penn National Estates, Fayetteville, Pa.

The original 18 was designed by Edmund Ault, and opened in the late 1960s.

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