

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, and two 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 3,530 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 marks 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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we create the most wonderful experience in terms of golf and the land plan?" Foster recalled.

"The clubhouse setting is stunning and overlooks the canyon," said the architect.

"We wanted to create an experience in terms of the land we had to work with. The course starts with a high position and plays down through a wonderful canyon and deep ravines to dramatic green sites, then turns up toward the clubhouse at the 11th. We were very fortunate our client allowed us to do something like this."

The 16th and 17th holes, in particular, provide "a striking and refreshing combination," he said. Anyone who sees the 16th hole, he added, "is mesmerized by this gem of a green. It's a par-5 hole that moves slightly to the right, with a wide and generous fairway, then a significant canyon down the left-hand side. The green extends within a huge bowl that gives a real sense of intrigue from the landing area.

The par-3 17th plays from two angles on a ridge to two contiguous greens. From one tee it plays 220 yards, over a deep canyon with a dramatic rock outcropping. From another tee it plays 140 yards to the smaller of the two greens.

"The combination of 16 going to 17 is exciting," Foster said. "Both are beautiful, dramatic, stunning and very unique."

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Paradise Valley — whose members include Lyle Anderson, Rusty Lyon, Joe Black and Birdie Dickey — required restoring classic elements to a track built in the 1950s.

The membership has allowed the course to be closed to reinstall classic box tees, Alistair Mackenzie-like bunkers, subtle putting surfaces, better drainage and a new irrigation system, and to sod the entire course, Foster said.

Foster credited Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. and new superintendent Rob Collins for their work on the renovation.

"Two projects of this stature in Phoenix at the same time was a godsend," Foster said.