

# GREENLINKS BUYS SECOND TENNESSEE LAYOUT

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — Greenlinks Inc. has purchased Woodmont Contry Club (CC) and renamed it Old Natchez CC. Greenlinks has begun renovations to the clubhouse and course. Plans are to increase the club's 240 members by 200. This is Greenlinks second Middle Tennessee acquisition in the past two months, coming on the heels of its purchase of the Country Club of Franklin. Greenlinks is based in Brentwood. It has another Midwest club under contract.

# State approves first Nicklaus Tennessee state park layout

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — The ambitious \$20 million proposal to build four Jack Nicklaus-signature courses across the state is moving ahead quickly after months of haggling.

The state's Building Commission recently cleared the way for construction of an 18-hole, Nicklaus design at Harrison Bay State Park. The decision enables Golf Services Group of Houston to begin work on the \$5 million course on 200 acres along Lake Chickamauga.

The Commission also approved construction of another 18-hole Nicklaus design for Wisemen Bend at Tims Ford State Park near Westminster. State architect Mike Fitts said the courses

will be completed within three years. The other two Nicklaus-designed courses in the project are under construction already. They are at Cumberland Mountain and Chickasaw State Park.

Each of the courses will be championship-caliber, daily-fee courses with green fees expected to be around \$30, which is more than the fee at most courses in the state's parks.

According to project plans, the state will put up the \$20 million for construction of the four courses, and Golf Services Group, which will build and manage them, will repay the loan over 20 years.

# Ala. brothers design, build own course

ATHENS, Ala. — Brothers Gary and Floyd Romine aren't listed in any directories of golf course architects.

That, however, didn't stop them from designing and building their own public, 18-hole golf course called Southern Gayles.

The Romines had no previous experience with golf course design or construction. Neither are even serious golfers. But, as owners of the 30-year-old Romine Construction Co, they do know a few things about building.

The Romines started construction on the 6,929-yard, par-72 course in July 1994 and Floyd Romine said they've been working 16 hours a day, seven days a week ever since. The course opened in December. Floyd Romine said there was no specific reason why he and his brother decided to build a golf course.

"It was just something I wanted to do," he told *The Huntsville (Ala.) Times*. "That, plus some people saying I didn't have enough sense to do it."

The Romines traveled around to several golf courses to learn more about golf course layouts. They also got help on their grassroots golf course project from their father, 80, mother, 76, and their sister. There are also plans for about 350 residential lots around the course.

Jerry Long, formerly course superintendent at Athens Country Club, became head superintendent in September.

# Art Hills design opens in Florida

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The first of three distinct nine-hole layouts planned for the Arthur Hills-designed Addison's Reserve on South Palm Beach County's fabled Country Club Mile have opened for play with names of Biblical proportions.

The two recently-opened nines are called The Redemption and The Trepidation.

The Redemption serves as the front nine and is highlighted by a 186-yard, par-3 4th Hole that is quickly establishing itself as one of South Florida's most-memorable golf holes.

The Trepidation features a 446-yard, par-4 closing hole. There is also a 19th practice hole and driving range for use during the first-phase opening of Addison Reserve's golf course.

The third nine will be called The Salvation.

Addison Reserve is situated on the last prime spot of Country Club Mile — a row of world-class country clubs running from Glades Road to Linton Boulevard on Jog Road.

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