And the winner is... Acushnet River Valley Golf Course

ACUSHNET, Mass. — And the new name for the new 18-hole public golf course to be built starting this year in the Acushnet River Valley is... Acushnet River Valley Golf Course.

Local resident Michael Hanczaryk was the winner of the city Golf Course and Recreation Commission’s contest to name the proposed new course, which has been designed by Cornish, Silva and Mungeam golf course architects. As the winner, Hanczaryk will be one of the first to tee off at the course when it’s finished and he will get one free season of golf.

Hanczaryk was actually one of two entries that suggested the name Acushnet River Valley Golf Course. But, in keeping with the contest rules, Hanczaryk’s entry — one of 80 — had the earlier postmark. The proposed 18-hole course would be built on 275 acres off Main Street between Hamlin and Leonard Streets. The Golf Course and Recreation Commission is now waiting for an archaeological study to be completed before construction can begin. The study will be done to determine if land where the course is to be located was once used by Native Americans.

Carolinis Group opens one course with plans to soon unveil another

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Carolinas Golf Group recently opened the Oak Valley Golf Club in Williamsburg, near Winston-Salem.

Stuart Frantz, president of the Carolinas Golf Group, which operates six golf courses in North Carolina, said the 18-hole semi-private, daily-fee course is already drawing rave reviews from professional and amateur players. The course was designed by Arnold Palmer. The Carolinas group also has great expectations for its Rees Jones-designed Currituck Golf Club on the Outer Banks, which it plans to open in July. The 18-hole course will be semi-private with memberships available only to residents of the resort development community.

Frantz has described the Currituck course as aesthetically spectacular. The site features thousands of live oaks, dunes, and subtly dramatic elevation changes.

Airport layout set to take off in Mississippi

LAUREL, Miss. — Golfers will be able to tee it up at a brand-new 18-hole golf resort at the Hattiesburg-Laurel airport by July 1997.

The airport board recently granted final approval to the project, which will be built by Woodrow Reynolds and Sons of Waynesboro, a timber company with a golf division. Construction is expected to start this spring.

The new resort will include a 18-hole golf course and clubhouse. It will be located on a 172-acre tract behind the new Pine Belt Mental Healthcare facility, which is currently under construction. Later expansion plans call for an adjoining hotel and a golf school.

After completion, the course will be managed by Deerfield Golf, Inc., which runs a number of courses in Mississippi and Alabama.

Pennsylvania ski area to add links

MERCERSBURG, Pa. — The Whitetail Ski Resort is looking to go year-round with golf as one of the key draws.

Whitetail officials recently announced they will build a $10 million residential community of slope-side townhouses and condominiums where homeowners can ski from their doorsteps in winter and play golf in the summer.

The resort, which opened in December 1991 and sits atop Two Top Mountain, will build an 18-hole golf course that is expected to begin operations in 1998 in the valley across from the ski trails, according to Stephen K. Rice, president of Whitetail Ski Co. The course will be located on farmland owned by the resort.

Whitetail, located about 80 miles from downtown Baltimore, is the nation’s newest ski resort and popular with residents of the Baltimore-Washington corridor.