THERE’S BEEN A BLACK BEAR SIGHTING...

Black Bear Golf Club, the latest design from P.B. Dye, is open for play here in Eustis, Fla. Built on 160 acres and carved from more than 80 feet of sugar sand, Black Bear measures 7,000 yards from the “Bear Paw” tees. Owned and operated by former Wall Street husband and wife team, Richard and Kristina Stein, Black Bear is a golf-only, semi-private facility. “No tennis courts, no swimming pools. Just pure golf,” said Richard Stein. “We’ve instructed our staff that as long as anyone wants to play, we will be open.”

NICKLAUS PLEASED WITH INDIGO RUN

Combining the classic lines of Muirfield Village, playability of Colleton River and greens complexes in the tradition of Pinehurst No. 2, Jack Nicklaus is enthused about this month’s opening of The Golf Club at Indigo Run here in Hilton Head, S.C. Designed with son Jackie, Indigo Run is an exclusive, gated community nestled in the center of Hilton Head Island.

Cal Olson-designed Buffalo Shoals GC secures full funding

STATESVILLE, N.C. — Funding of Buffalo Shoals Golf Club, LLC, here has been finalized, according to Evan H. Dockser, executive vice president of Bethesda, Md.-based Zuckerman Kronstad Dockser Golf Services Inc. The $3.25 million development is the result of a joint effort by Zuckerman Kronstad Dockser and local partners. The funding package completes a 3-year planning process and has put the project into phase one of construction. Financing was secured through a combination of private investors and a $1.75 million construction and term loan provided by The Bank of Granite in Hickory, N.C. The golf course is scheduled to open in the spring of 1997.

Buffalo Shoals National will be an 18-hole, semi-private golf course whose goal is to maximize daily-fee play. Limited memberships will start at $3,500.

Buffalo Shoals National has retained Gene Bates Golf Design of West Palm Beach, Fla., to provide architectural support on the design and construction of the golf course. Zuckerman Kronstad Dockser will manage the course and will oversee all functions from day-to-day operations to marketing and public relations.

Saratoga Spa will get second course, after 30 years

ALBANY, N.Y. — State Parks Commissioner Bernadette Castro and Senate Majority Leader Joseph L. Bruno have released a proposal for a public/private partnership to develop an 18-hole golf course on the east side of Route 9 in Saratoga Spa State Park.

The Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation here will receive formal proposals no later than May 15.

In 1966, during Gov. Nelson Rockefeller’s administration, 300 acres of additional parkland was bought for a second 18-hole golf course at the park.

“Sen. Bruno has devoted his time and energy helping Parks move forward on this much-needed new golf course,” Castro said. “Not only will it provide a great recreational opportunity for residents and tourists, but it will create jobs.”

Gov. George Pataki’s administration has challenged state agencies to maximize their resources and stimulate economic growth.

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