



Coyote Hills Golf Club in Fullerton, Calif., presented tough circumstances for course designer Cal Olson.

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Olson-designed Coyote Hills Golf Club preserves nature, challenge

FULLERTON, Calif. — With owner Unocal making great efforts to protect the natural habitat of the gnat catcher and preserve oil wells that have stood since the turn of the century, the public Coyote Hills Golf Club opens here May 20.

Designed by Cal Olson and operated by American Golf Corp., Coyote Hills offers up playability as well as thrills, featuring elevation drops as much as 150 feet and 18 bridges crossing brooks and waterfall areas.

Extensive bunkers direct golfers through the layout, and pepper trees transplanted to the rear of greens provide targets.

The par-70 track measures 6,800 yards from the back tees.

The facility boasts 18,000- and 20,000-square-foot putting greens, and a two-tiered grass practice tee with the upper-level tee for synthetic mats.

Olson also added a 2,000-square-foot chipping green, and a separate area for hitting balls from lies of varying slopes.

Real Golf takes design-planning show to Vietnam

HAIPHONG, Vietnam — Real Golf, the San Francisco-based golf course architects and environmental planners, have been selected to design a new 18-hole championship golf course here, the first track in Hai Phong, a major port city of nearly one million people.

The par-71, 6,700-yard layout with a large double-ended practice range, is located in the Red River delta some 60 miles east of Hanoi. The new Hai Phong course is being developed by the Hai Phong Development Partnership and will include 350 homes, an international school, and retail areas.

"With new economic zones emerging in Vietnam there has begun to be a demand for upper-scale housing with amenities such as golf," said Real Golf principal Daniel Buck, who added the project will be a technical and environmental challenge. "We need to protect water resources and the traditional agriculture of the area. The site is virtually at sea level with high ground water which is brackish, so we have to create drainage where there is none."

Real Golf has specialized in getting projects through difficult permitting processes and working with environmentally complex sites.

"I haven't won the U.S. Open or Masters recently, so our opportunities come from our creative and technical skills and our understanding of project economics," said Bucko.

MAPLES DESIGNING VIRGINIA TRACK

SOUTH RIDING, Va. — South Riding, a 2,000-acre golf course community, has begun construction of a 7,000-yard, par-72 course designed by Dan Maples. The project is being developed by GolfSouth of Greenville, S.C., which will also operate and manage the club. The course will be open to the public, while South Riding residents will be offered special memberships.

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