The Cliffs at Glassy signs Fazio to design third golf development

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Jim Anthony, CEO of The Cliffs at Glassy and Cliffs Valley communities in upstate South Carolina, has announced his third residential golf development, The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards. A Tom Fazio-designed golf course will be the focal point.

Situated on a pristine piece of land along Lake Keowee in Pickens County, The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards makes up 1,400 acres of property bordered by 16 miles of shoreline. Surrounding the community is 50,000 acres of forest land laced with trout streams and wildlife. Homsites are expected to begin in July and construction of the golf course is scheduled to begin near the end of the year. Proposed club and recreational amenities include 18 holes of golf, tennis, swimming, clubhouse, beach area, marina and dock facilities. Plans are to open the golf course to public play in the year 2000.

The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards course will be Fazio's second in upstate South Carolina.

"The first time I went with Mr. Anthony to visit The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards I knew this project was going to be special," said Fazio. "On one hand I saw an owner with a commitment to quality, and on the other hand an awesome piece of property with tremendous possibilities for golf. The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards gives me the opportunity to design a golf course next to a beautiful, pristine lake and over dramatic rolling terrain ... a unique combination to have to hold on a single site."

Fazio routed eight holes along the lake.

Casper, Nash completing work at Sun City Grand

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Construction is underway on the second 18-hole course at Del Webb's Sun City Grand community northwest of the city. Designed by Billy Casper and architect Greg Nash, the 6,840-yard, par-72 course is expected to open for play in late 1997 or early 1998.

"This is a very exciting project for us," said Nash. "Billy and I have incorporated some new techniques and landscape treatments into the design of this golf course that we think will make it an absolute joy to play."

"It's kind of a hybrid between the best of the old- and new-style golf course architecture. I'm really looking forward to seeing the final result."

One of the first differences players will notice is the absence of the free-flowing style of tee box so prevalent today. Instead, Casper and Nash have opted for rectilinear designed tees to give the course a more traditional look and feel.

Also, gone are the multitudes of "bumps and humps" that many modern courses use to define the direction of play, but that often does more to intimidate players.

Casper and Nash will instead move more than a million cubic yards of earth to create long, flowing slopes and recessed fairways.

The aesthetic effect of this, according to Nash, will be more dramatic shadowing on the golf course, and a greater sense of solitude for players.

However, the slopes and the recesses also will help the golf course serve a functional role within the development by allowing it to retain up to 265 acre-feet of runoff water from the community during severe storm conditions.

A series of sophisticated injection wells inconspicuously incorporated into the golf course's design will collect this water and use it to recharge the underground water table beneath the development.

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