

Adam's Ranch turns to golf

EAGLE, Colo. — Along-proposed ski resort near Vail called Adam's Rib has become Adam's Ranch, a residential and golf course development.

St. Louis developer Fred Kummer, who has been pursuing the Adam's Rib project for nearly 30 years, has announced plans to build housing and a sprawling golf resort on the 5,000 acres he owns near Eagle.

The proposed project would include four golf courses, 1,270 upscale homes and a 120-room hotel. Two of the proposed four courses would be private 18hole layouts designed by Tom Weiskopf. There would also be two nine-hole par-3 courses, one private, one public. Kummer, who owns the Adam's Mark Hotel in Denver, faces several level of approvals from various Eagle County departments.

\$10 million Rocky River opens

CONCORD, N.C. — The \$10 million public Rocky River Golf Club opened for play in late September.

The 18-hole golf course, designed by golf course architect Dan Maples, is managed by Signet Golf Associates of Pinehurst, N.C. Maples has said one of the biggest challenges in designing Rocky River was working with and around rock formations. Maples said that 250 cubic yards of dirt, which is a quarter million yards worth, were moved to construct the course.

The 18-hole layout is set on 312 acres, 171 of which are dry ground and 141 of which are wetlands. Almost 700 feet of bridgework was done to help get golfers around the course. The course has 54 bunkers, most of which Maples described as "strategic," and a final Maples touch, an 18th green that can be seen as you arrive at the clubhouse. The green site was actually lowered to make that possible.

Portsmouth revamp ready for play

PORTSMOUTH, Va. — The revamped nine-hole City Park course is set to open for public play this month.

The 77-year-old course received a makeover designed by golf course architect Tom Clark and PGA Tour player and Virginia native Curtis Strange. Clark and Strange essentially created nine new holes — three par-4s and six par-3s. The layout's old Bermuda grass greens have been replaced by bentgrass. In addition to the nine-hole course, a new 18-hole bentgrass putting course is being built.

Strange is also serving as a hired consultant on the upcoming year-long restoration of the 18-hole public Bide-a-Wee Golf Club, which is close to City Park.

UAW TO BUILD 18 IN MICH.

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY, Mich. — The United Auto Workers union is building a semi-private 18-hole golf course, clubhouse and ninehole short course at its meeting complex on Black Lake. Rees Jones has designed the course, which will be built on land featuring rolling hills, red pine and wetlands. The golf course is scheduled to be ready for play by 1999.

FORT RITCHIE OPENS TO PUBLIC

CASCADE, Md. — Fort Ritchie's nine-hole golf course has been opened to public play for the first time in the Army installation's history. The par-35, nine-hole layout measures 3,251 yards. Fort Ritchie was scheduled to close on Oct. 1 and transferred to PenMar Development Corp., which was to redevelop and operate the property.





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