Bintz Apple on rebound

FREELAND, Mich. — When the new 18-hole Apple Mountain Golf Course opens next year, it will represent another significant improvement in the transformation of the year-round recreational resort once known as Bintz Apple Mountain.

The 18-hole layout, scheduled to open next summer, will feature some dramatic elevation changes. Two holes have tees located on Apple Mountain's ski hill. One of those, the sixth hole, features a 75-foot drop from the back tees to a fairway nestled in a grove of trees. On a clear day, the tee offers a panoramic view of the Saginaw Valley area.

The new Apple Mountain course was designed by golf course architect John Sanford, Jr., who also designed the Quest in Houghton Lake and the Sawmill in Saginaw Township.

The course is dotted with 100 bunkers and nine ponds and has four tee areas on each hole with a course distance ranging from 5,088 yards from the front tees to 6,972 yards from the back tees. The complex is 20 miles from Bay City.

Vegas seeks proposals for 18

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The fast-growing public golf scene in Las Vegas may soon gain another member.

The city's parks and recreation department is currently seeking proposals for a public 18-hole championship-caliber course that would be part of a mixed-use development that could also include compatible facilities like a Grand Prix racetrack.

According to one anticipated proposal, a race track would wind around the course and used only a few days each year, according to Glen Trowbridge, director of parks and recreation for Las Vegas. Trowbridge said the University of Nevada-Las Vegas golf program has expressed interest in using the new course as a home.

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