

Sodding makes perfect at Lake Las Vegas' project

HENDERSON, Nev. — Lake Las Vegas Resort officials report construction is moving swiftly on the first resort golf course, The Links at MonteLago, located at Lake Las Vegas Resort's MonteLago development. The course is being sodded and is expected to open for public play in early 1998.

This signature 18-hole course is the second Jack Nicklaus-designed course for Lake Las Vegas Resort, the \$4-billion resi-

dential and resort destination under development east of Las Vegas, and is the first of three courses planned for the MonteLago resort community. The entire proposed master plan for MonteLago calls for exclusive resort hotels/casinos, European-style gaming, championship golf courses, residential villas, a world-class spa facility, a commercial resort village and restaurants.

In designing The Links at MonteLago,

Nicklaus drew upon the area's unique topography, creating a green oasis winding through the desert hillside and down to the water's edge of Lake Las Vegas, Nevada's largest privately owned lake.

The 7,184-yard, par-72 course will offer five golf holes directly on 1-1/2 miles of shoreline. In addition, The Links at MonteLago will challenge the golfer with a variety of carries over and alongside canyons.

Loch Ledge gets facelift

YORKTOWN HEIGHTS, N.Y. — The Sanctuary Country Club here has a new name and will soon have a new look. Formerly known as Loch Ledge, the facility is undergoing extensive renovations by Whole In One Design Group of Easton, Md., and Durham, N.C.

The renovation will result in a completely new lower nine. The upper nine will remain intact, with renovation work slated once the front nine is complete. Sanctuary Country Club owner Tom Sung purchased the club a few years ago and plans to develop an inn, botanical gardens and a tennis facility on the property as well.

Many original holes were routed on land not suitable for the resulting product and much of the property was never used. "We are eliminating many blind situations and revealing impressive views at the same time," said Whole In One Design Group architect Rich Mandell. "One goal was to take advantage of the natural topography which was largely ignored in the original design."

The lower nine sits on only 45 acres and Whole In One will incorporate retaining walls of native stone and a double green in order to combat the lack of property.

"One of the problems we are dealing with is a deficiency of space. The double green and the retaining walls allow us to overcome these constraints and still preserve the natural hydrology," said Whole In One President Bob Rauch.

The new nine will be stretched 400 yards, making the course 6,200 yards long.

The renovations will be done in phases, with completion by fall of 1998.

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Phillips in Scotland

Continued from page 35 stroke play," he said.

Phillips likened the design to remodeling an old home and having "functional obsolescence."

"We still have short walks between a green and the next tee, because it's part of the walking game," he said. "In the old days, tees were on the greens. We will have a little more space there. There will be fewer hidden bunkers. The greens will be 8,000 to 10,000 square feet, which is large but not on the scale of the Old Course, where the average is 20,000 square feet."

And fescues will be predominant through the course, he said.

Another modernism, Phillips said, will be a full practice facility, with chipping area and driving range, to host golf schools.