

## Microsoft executive buys Puget Sound layout

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Retired Microsoft millionaire Scott Oki has bought Indian Summer golf course, site of the Puget Sound Nike Open.

Oki, whose other holdings include Echo Falls Country Club, a semi-private course in Snohomish, Wash., and The Golf Club at Newcastle, a 36-hole daily-fee course under construction outside Seattle, is chairman of

Indian Summer LLC, which bought the private, par-72, 7,026-yard course from Aoki Corp. of Japan. Indian Summer, designed by five-time British Open champion Peter Thomson and Michael Wolveridge, opened in 1992

Indian Summer's gated housing development, which includes 480 home sites, was sold separately to Crystal Investments LLC.

## Seattle links opens this summer

NEWCASTLE, Wash. — Work is ongoing on the 36-hole Golf Club at Newcastle, a much-anticipated project set on the flanks of West Cougar Mountain outside Seattle and Bellevue, which is expected to be one of the premier golf sites in the Pacific Northwest when it opens this summer.

At least one of the two 18-hole layouts designed by golf course architect Bob Cupp was due to open this spring. But heavy rains last summer pushed the target date back to this summer. Greens fees for both courses are expected to be in the \$75 range. An earlier plan to develop one of the courses as a private course was dropped.

Work on the facility's 40,000-square-foot clubhouse has been ongoing this winter. The clubhouse will include a restaurant, pub, sit-down banquet facility for 400 and a corporate meeting room. The courses are expected to become the future host site for an annual private golf tournament hosted by PGA Tour star Fred Couples.

## Las Vegas GC may receive needed facelift

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — The Las Vegas Golf Club, the city's only municipal 18-hole course, could be headed for a tune-up.

City officials have been negotiating with Golf Enterprises, Inc., to pump more than \$4.4 million worth of improvements into a golf course that has fallen into disrepair in recent years due to heavy play and a lack of investment.

Golf Enterprises, Inc., the operators of the course, have said they are committed to improving the conditions of the layout. According to Joseph Guerra, executive vice president, some of the improvements being considered are rebuilding several greens, improving tee areas, installing new irrigation and cart paths, creating a new artificial lake and enlarging parking areas.

## Salt Lake City to open new track

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Southeastern Salt Lake Valley is about to gain a much-needed public course. The county's newest layout — the Old Mill Golf Course — is set to open May 1.

Old Mill, which boasts a \$9.5 million layout designed by Gene Bates, and a \$2 million clubhouse, is already being touted as one of the top new courses in the area. The clubhouse will have a large banquet room, reception facilities and spectacular views.

The par-71 course will measure 6,750 yards from the back tees and feature large, undulating greens. The front nine is relatively open while the closing four holes are hilly and cut out through native oak brush.

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