New golf Hall to get second course

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — The World Golf Hall of Fame is now open and plans to build a second, 18-hole course within the 6,300-acre development are on tap here in the next year.

The track will be called the King and Bear in salute to Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. A third, yet-to-be-named course, is to be built by 2001. The Hall already has one existing course called the Slammer and Squire, named for Hall of Famers Sam Snead and Gene Sarazen, located next door.

In conjunction with the 75,000-square-foot World Golf Hall of Fame facility, the $250 million World Golf Village will include three golf courses, an IMAX theater, 70 exhibits, convention center, resort hotel and an assortment of homes.

This will be golf's first internationally unified hall of fame, according to PGA Tour commissioner Deane Beman, who conceived the original idea more than a decade ago.

Ground broken for exclusive Texas golf club

FORT BEND COUNTY, Texas — Ground has been broken for a private, 36-hole track designed by Rees Jones here.

The Houstonian Golf Club is Jones' first project in Texas.

The Redstone Group, a Houston-based international financial services group, is the developer and plans to operate one course as an exclusive club, and the second as an amenity to hotel guests and Houstonian Club members.

Jones will blend the property's existing 65-acre lake and Texas flora with rolls, hollows and sculpted landforms. Separate clubhouses will be built for each of the courses. Jim Hardy of Golf Services Group in Houston is the project manager.

Cobblestone buys 3rd Atlanta track

DEL MAR, Calif. — Cobblestone Golf Group, Inc. has acquired Eagle's Landing Country Club. This purchase represents Cobblestone's third acquisition in the Atlanta market. In addition to Eagle's Landing Country Club, other Cobblestone courses include The Trophy Club of Gwinnett and The Trophy Club of Apalachee.

Eagles Landing is a private, club located in the Eagles Landing Development gated community. The course was designed by Tom Fazio and opened in 1991.

Cobblestone purchased the property from Killearn Inc., an Atlanta-based real-estate development company. This acquisition will only encompass Eagles Landing Country Club. The Inn at Eagles Landing will continue to be owned and operated by Killearn Inc.

Tenn. businessmen developing Jamaican project

JAMAICA — Construction has begun on a $113 million, 18-hole track and a Ritz-Carlton hotel project, touted as the largest private venture in Jamaica. It is being undertaken by Knoxville, Tenn. area businessmen and developers.

The site is located on the historic Rose Hall plantation, 8 miles from the Montego Bay International Airport. The Lawler-Wood Group of Knoxville is the developer. Smallwood, Reynolds, Stewart, Stewart & Association of Atlanta is the architect, in association with the Jamaican firm Marvin Goodman & Associates.

The general contractor for the project is a joint venture between Eberle Building Co. and Bill Harbet International of Birmingham, Ala. von Hagee, Smelek & Baril of Spring, Texas is designing the course. The project will be completed in December 1999.

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