

## Eco-friendly track coming to Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES — After a lengthy battle with environmentalists and the threat of legal action against the city of Los Angeles, the Lake View Terrace City Council approved Foothills Golf Development Group's Red Tail Golf & Equestrian Project.

The 18-hole public course reportedly will be one of the most environmentally friendly ever constructed. Located in Sunland, Calif. 15 miles north of downtown Los Angeles, it will be built on 160 acres in the Tujunga Wash.

The par-72, 6,957-yard layout will be designed by Nicklaus Design and will be developed and operated by Foothills Golf Development Group, L.L.C.

## Silicon Valley appetite for courses whetted

COYOTE VALLEY, Calif. — Two courses, one of them a new Jack Nicklaus-designed layout here, will be a welcome addition to the links-starved Silicon Valley area. The second is a renovation of the 18-hole Riverside Golf Course.

The Nicklaus Signature course, scheduled to open in the fall with its 12,800-square-foot clubhouse slated to follow in July 1998, will be the third Nicklaus-designed track to open in the Bay Area in the past two years. Owner Donald Panoz has already built two tracks — Ruby Hill in Pleasanton and Legends West at Diablo Grande in Patterson — and plans to construct a total of seven courses on the 33,000 acres of scenic land directly below Mount Hamilton.

Panoz envisions a "destination resort community," complete with custom homes, hotel, conference center, vineyards, winery and golf courses. The Irish owner believes the day will come when people stay at Diablo Grande for a week and play a different style course every day.

### SEWAGE WATER TO KEEP NM LINKS GREEN

SANTA FE, N.M. — A new, municipal 18-hole links and a nine-hole, par-28 adjunct that will open here in July will stay green thanks to sewage water. The city is relying on effluent to water the Marty Sanchez Memorial Course. It could take as much as 2 million gallons a day to water the facility. About a quarter of that amount flows out of the municipal sewage plant. Sanchez Memorial will cost the city \$5 million, which is part of a \$13.5 million bond issue to build a recreation center.

(FGDG). David Hueber, former president and chief executive officer (CEO) of the National Golf Foundation and president and CEO of the Ben Hogan Co., will head FGDG as president/owner.

Hogan says 60 acres of the project will be left in its natural state, while the remaining 100

acres will be maintained turfgrass. More than 240 acres will be set aside as a preserve and natural habitat for the slender-horned spineflower and other endangered plants.

In addition to the 18-hole, daily-fee course, the project will include a clubhouse with banquet facilities, more than two

miles of equestrian trails and the nature preserve.

Construction is expected to begin in March 1999, with the track open for play in the spring of 2000.

The Foothills Golf Development Group originally filed a \$215 million lawsuit against the city, claiming the city did not have legal reason to deny a permit and that the company had

complied with all of the city's requirements in seeking project approval. The city agreed to revisit the issue and voted for its approval in an April meeting.



David Hueber

