

Highlands Ranch finally named

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. - A name was finally picked for this area's newest upscale, 18hole, daily-fee track. Tucked in the corner of Highlands Ranch, it will be called the Highlands Ranch Golf Club and is slated to open July 27

Twelve holes are built on erstwhile farmland, treeless except for the 1,000 recent plantings. But the Highline Canal loops through six holes, forming a wildlife corridor with huge cot-

The course will play approximately 7,100 yards from the back

Other additions to the area golf scene this year include:

length (par-31) facility near Centennial Airport. The Family Golf Super Center will include a double-deck driving range and a short-game practice facility. The track is now open.

· A double-deck driving range at the Kennedy Golf Course facility that is scheduled to open this month.

· Coyote Creek, an 18-hole

· A nine-hole, executive- links in Fort Lupton, opening this fall or next spring.

· Box Elder Creek, a nine-hole executive course about 10 miles east of Brighton, opening in August or September.

• Red Hawk Ridge, an 18-hole golf course facility in the town of Castle Rock that may open this

fall or next spring.

· A second nine at Centennial, an executive course that will be a par-63 for 18-holes. It is currently open.

· Springs Ranch, an 18-hole privately owned public course that opened last fall in Colorado Springs near Sky Sox Stadium.

PGA to design

Minn, kids track

BLAINE, Minn. - A capital

projects bill recently passed in

this state allotting \$3.1 million for the expansion of the National

Sports Center in Blaine, including the addition of a 27-hole, daily-fee course aimed at young

The course will be built in two

phases: Phase 1, which is slated to open in the spring of 2000, will

include an 18-hole championship junior-events course designed

with tee boxes scattered along

the fairways to accommodate young players' abilities. In addi-

tion, a miniature putting area complete with bentgrass will be

Phase 2 will consist of a ninehole track, a pitch-and-putt and

an expanded driving range. It is expected to be completed in 2001

or 2002. The first phase will cost

\$3.1 million. Additional funds will need to be raised to complete

Phase 2, according to National

The PGA Tour will design the

Sports Center officials.

link at no charge.

part of phase one.



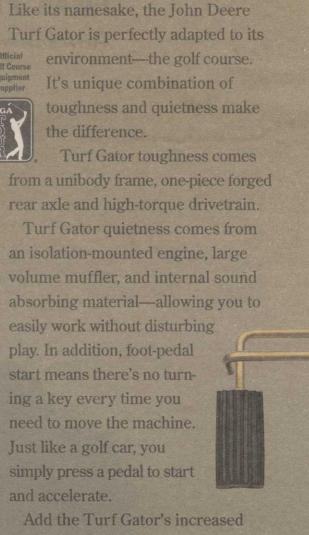


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Women, kids links slated for Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. - A group of golf and business leaders expect to get final permit approvals and begin breaking ground this month to build an 18-hole course geared toward kids, women, minorities and seniors.

The Foundation Course will be housed in Chesterfield County's Iron Bridge Park and will be a par-65 from its back tees. All the holes will be shorter than those on a typical course. The development will also include a driving range and clubhouse. Total costs are estimated at \$3 million.

The new facility is part of a national program called The First Tee, which works with local nonprofit affiliates to identify sites for construction.

The facility will be open to the public, but will be designed and marketed for youth. Seniors, women and minorities are also expected to be primary users.

The track is slated to open in June 1999.

