Car dealer trades dealership for golf

ATLANTA — Chuck Clancy has traded in his tax, tags and title for cart path only, please. That's what happens when one of Metro Atlanta's top car dealers sells his dealership after years of success and jumps into a new endeavor as a golf course developer. Construction is wrapping up at Clancy's first golf course project, Creekside Golf & Country Club. Clancy's group, CC Golf, will also manage the daily-fee facility. A true shotmaker's layout, Creekside was designed by Richard Mandell and Robert Rauch of Whole In One Design Group.

Located off Nebo Road in Paulding County, the course uses four sets of tees, ranging from 5,400 to 6,750 yards long. The course has minimal forced carries, intent of providing friendly golfing opportunities for high-handicappers.

"We routed the golf course and did minimal earthwork to accentuate small rolls and swales that characterize many of the fairways," said Mandell. "For example, on some holes playing safe may mean not having the best lie. The golfer must place a shot in specific areas to realize the full advantage of the chosen route."

Most golfers will have an easy time making par with ample landing areas, only 48 sand bunkers, and very accessible putting greens for all talent levels.

The golf course finishes up with a downhill par-5 to an island green. The hole plays 500 yards. "The yakuagai is the hole that is one of those where the golfer will be too tempted not to go for the green in two. It is that perfect yardage of what I call gray area of choice—its not a black or white decision," said Mandell.

Mike Westmoreland Contracting of Acworth is the general contractor. Creekside Golf & Country Club is slated for a March opening.

GCBA adds Christman to new board

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Members of the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA) have included a new director in their recently elected 1999-2000 board of directors. Steve Christman of Eagle Golf & Landscape Products, located in Brea, Calif., slid past several other candidates to gain that slot, and began his first term at the GCBA annual meeting in February. Newly elected directors serve a two-year term.


Board members continuing in the second year of a two-year term are Bill Kubly of Landscape Unlimited (GCBA president), Frank Hutchinson of Golf Works (GCBA vice president), Rick Elyea of Tee-2 Green (GCBA secretary), Christine Faulks of Greensmix (GCBA treasurer), Tom Sasser of Golf Development Consultants, Fidel Garcia of Ryangolf (a division of Ryan Inc.), Steve Christman of Ryan Inc. Central, and Tom Shapland of Wadsworth Golf Construction.

DIABLO CREEK UPGRADED

CITY OF CONCORD, Calif. — Golf course builder Golf Dimensions has completed the renovation of the Diablo Creek Golf Course, a public daily-fee 18-hole course owned and operated by the city of Concord. The 35-year-old course was constructed in 1963 on land donated to the city by the U.S. Navy, adjacent to their Naval Weapons Station. The course was upgraded to an 18-hole golf course in 1964.