

Kentucky plans to build seven new state courses

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Kentucky has selected a Colbert-Burns & McDonnell to conduct preliminary analysis for the construction and improvement of seven golf courses located throughout the state for the Department of Parks.

The Kansas City firm will analyze what's needed to develop

and build the courses, which were funded by the 1998 General Assembly. Adopting an approach used elsewhere but new to Kentucky, the state could use the same firm to do both design and construction and will review work at the end of each phase prior to moving ahead to the next step. The first phase will be com-

pleted by mid-fall and a determination on how to proceed will be made at that time.

Parks that will be analyzed for new courses include Dale Hollow near Burkesville, Yatesville near Louisa, Mineral Mound near Eddyville, Pennyriple near Dawson Springs, and Kincaid Lake near Falmouth. Two exist-

ing courses at My Old Kentucky Home in Bardonia and Grayson Lake outside of Grayson, will be scoped out for improvements under the contract.

Kentucky currently owns and operates 16 courses, which vary from 9-hole par-3 courses to 18-hole par-72 layouts. Ground was broken last fall for a new course at Pine Mountain State Park.

In addition to the Kentucky

State park project, Colbert-Burns & McDonnell is completing Sycamore Ridge in Spring Hill, Kan. Projects in advanced planning are located in Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Illinois, Michigan and Minnesota.



PGA Senior Tour player Jim Colbert and Burns & McDonnell are partners in Colbert-Burns & McDonnell. Burns & McDonnell is a 101-year-old engineering, architectural, construction and environmental services firm.

Golfers prove to be a hardy lot

JUPITER, Fla.— Sixty percent of golfers don't mind playing in the rain, but even those who don't like to will, according to almost 600 golfers, mostly avid (those who play an average of 36 rounds per year), participating in the latest USATODAY/NGF "Golf in America" on-line survey.

Eighty percent said they have actually started a round of golf while it was raining.

Even more applicable to the golfer's resolve to play may be that 60 percent have played during partial snow cover, while 15 percent have played when the ground was completely covered.

But what may be the most telling sign that golfers are a resilient group is that over one-third of the survey participants will still play golf when temperatures are close to or below freezing.

Atlantic City GA adds two courses

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.— The Greater Atlantic City Golf Association (GACGA) has added two of South Jersey's newest golf clubs to its membership — Sea Oaks in Little Egg Harbor Township and Blue Heron Pines East, an extension of Blue Heron Pines Golf Club. Both courses are targeting a spring 2000 opening.

Located minutes from the Garden State Parkway's exit 58, Sea Oaks encompasses more than 316 acres of natural terrain in the pine barrens of southern New Jersey.

Designed by Steve Smyers, Blue Heron Pines East will be distinctly different from the Four-Star Blue Heron Pines Course.

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