

Highly ranked Pole Creek adds another Griffiths 18

WINTER PARK, Colo. — Pole Creek Golf Course has added holes to the award-winning 18-hole layout here in the Fraser Valley.

The addition was designed by Denis Griffiths, who designed the original 18 holes that Golf Digest voted the best new course in America in 1985 and "the number-one place to play in Colorado" for 1996-97.

"The first time I saw Pole Creek valley with its meadows of wildflowers, the creek, and the meandering tree line, it was almost as if you could mow the tall grasses, set flags out and be ready to play," said Griffiths. "The site was a natural; with 18 holes fitting quite nicely on the terrain framed by the perfect mountain backdrop."

Griffiths has designed the new nine holes to be significantly different and at the same time to compliment the current playing experience. Trees line the entire course but golfers still have plenty of room on most holes.

Griffiths' use of elevation changes and natural land forms make an



The 8th green on the new nine holes at Pole Creek Golf Club's Ridge Course in Winter Park, Colo.

assortment of challenging holes. The culmination of the design is the arrival on the 9th tee with a panorama of the valley. Tee shots over 300 yards will be frequent due to the 100-foot drop on this 561-yard finishing hole.

The grand opening of the new nine

holes was July 31.

The Fairways at Pole Creek commissioned Griffiths to design the new nine holes and formally gifted this addition to the Fraser Valley Metropolitan Recreation District, owners of the Pole Creek Golf Club, on Aug. 1.

Tiger's Eye unique for the Carolinas

SUNSET BEACH, N.C. — Grass sprigging and sodding has begun on architect Tim Cate's Tiger's Eye Golf Links here. Designed to be the flagship course of the 1,300-acre Ocean Ridge Plantation, Tiger's Eye has numerous design features unique for the Carolinas coast, including a dramatic rock-lined waterfall, two- to four-ton ancient coquina boulders lining the ponds and lakes, and big elevation changes. Tiger's Eye is set to open to the public in January.

"There has been a lot of curiosity about the course from the first day we began construction," said Tom Plankers, director of golf at Ocean Ridge. "Visiting golfers and even passers-by have inquired about its unusual look and the breathtaking beauty of the boulder-lined ponds and rolling fairways. A lot of folks have told us that it is more reminiscent of the great layouts of Pinehurst than the coast. Many have asked to book tee times, and now we feel that we are at a stage where we can accommodate those requests."

Tiger's Eye represents a labor of love for Ocean Ridge owner Ed Gore and Cate, who worked on the course design for more than six years before beginning construction in 1998. Sixty feet of natural elevation changes were the foundation for Cate's shaping of boldly rolling fairways. More than 10,000 coquina boulders—many as large as five tons—were mined and brought to the site to give the layout a unique look. In addition, a 250-gallon-per-minute waterfall was built next to the 18th tee, designed by Cate.

Key to renovate Panther Course

VENICE, Fla.— New York-based Stephen Kay Golf Course Architects is putting the final touches on an 18-hole master plan renovation of the Panther Course at Plantation Golf and Country Club here.

Plantation holds the distinction of being the longest-running qualifier site for the LPGA Tour. All 18 greens complexes have been completely re-designed to offer golfers a different style than they are used to in this area of Florida.

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oper. A native of Augusta, he began his career in the business as an assistant pro at Augusta National Golf Club, home of the Masters Tournament.

He later became golf professional and operations manager at Shoal Creek in Birmingham, which hosted three major championships in seven years, the 1984 and 1990 PGA Championships and the 1986 U.S. Amateur. Moving from Shoal Creek, he became a key player in the development of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail in Alabama.

From that position, he moved to manage the golf operations for the diversified Drummond Co., which included Old Overton Club in Birmingham, The Grasslands in Lakeland, Fla., and Rancho LaQuinta in Palm Springs, Calif.

He is currently managing partner of the Charley Boswell Golf Course at Highland Park here, and Kelly Plantation in Destin, Fla.

Prior to forming Honours Golf, Shults was with Wachovia Bank in Atlanta after receiving his M.B.A. from Vanderbilt University. A graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Shults spent

four years as a U.S. Army officer.

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