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PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Cimarron Golf Resort has opened for play. The 36-hole complex consists of executive-length and regulation-length 18-hole layouts. John Fought designed the courses, which are owned and operated by O.B. Sports.

MARIN COUNTY, Calif. — StoneTree Golf Club is on schedule to open in June. Located in the northern part of the county near the Sonoma and Napa valleys, the 18-hole, daily-fee facility was designed by the team of Sandy Tatum, Johnny Miller, Jim Summers and Fred Bliss. Western Golf Properties will operate the facility.

NAPLES, Fla. — The Naples Grande Golf Club has opened for play. The private, 18-hole Rees Jones design was developed by Boca Resorts Inc., owners of The Registry Resort and Edgewater Beach Hotel. Boca Resorts Inc. also operates Grande Oaks Golf Club in Fort Lauderdale and the Boca Hotel and Resort in Boca Raton.

BRADENTON, Fla. — Waterlefe Golf & River Club has opened for play. Ted McAnlis designed the 18-hole course.

Grip-it-and-rip-it fun on the way at PTI's FarmLinks

By ANDREW OVERBECK

SYLACAUGA, Ala. — Many fertilizer companies build one or two "model" golf holes to use in research and development and to showcase wares to superintendents and end users. While Pursell Technologies, Inc. (PTI) intends to use its facility as a testing site, the company is upping the ante by constructing FarmLinks, an 18-hole course that will include a First Tee component.

"We will use the course to showcase our fertilizer technology, entertain guests and offer area golfers and corporations an opportunity to experience the game of golf in a truly pastoral setting," said David Pursell, chief executive officer of PTI.

Hurdzan/Fry Design Group had full reign over 2,700 acres of the Pursell family's land which is nestled into the southern foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. It has taken Michael Hurdzan, Dana Fry and associate David Welchel more than nine months and several visits to route the course over a 200-acre area.

"It is awesome land. Even if you just had a portion of it, you would go, 'Oh wow!' When they say, 'Take what you need and we'll make everything else work,' that is pretty rare," said Hurdzan. "It speaks to the fact that the Pursells have been around golf and they understand what it takes to make a great golf course."

As a result of the design freedom, there will be minimal earth-moving and land-clearing. A central lake will provide the fill and Hurdzan expects to clear only 20 to 25 acres as opposed to the usual 90 acres.

"One of the things we want to do is enhance what is already there," he said. "We want to show that golf courses can be great diverse recreation and habitat areas. Our intent is to make the land better."

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Colin Montgomerie to design Zhuhai Golden Gulf in China

Colin Montgomerie has signed on to design the golf course at the Zhuhai Golden Gulf project in Zhuhai, China. Located a short ferry ride away from Hong Kong, and just across the border from Macau, the 27 holes of golf at Zhuhai Golden Gulf will be part of a larger destination resort and real estate project being developed by Zhuhai Providence Real Estate Co. Ltd. Zhuhai Golden Gulf will be the first golf course project on mainland China for Colin Montgomerie Design. He is designing the Haikou Meishi International Golf Club which is currently under construction on Hainan Island just off the mainland. Colin Montgomerie Design also is involved in golf course projects in Korea, U.A.E., Lanzarote and Ireland.

"Following my first ever visit to China last November, I am very pleased that my next design project will be at Zhuhai Golden Gulf," commented Montgomerie. "I have been very impressed with the vision of the developer, Zhuhai Providence, for the overall resort project and am convinced Zhuhai Golden Gulf can become one of the best courses in all of China and we are designing it as a potential future venue of world-class golf tournaments."

Guo Zhi Hang, managing director of Zhuhai Providence Real Estate Development Co. Ltd., commented, "As our aim is to develop Zhuhai Golden Gulf as a world-class project in all aspects, we are very proud to announce our association with Colin Montgomerie and his design company to help us create a world-class golf course. Colin's dedication to perfection is reflected in his results as a professional golfer and we have also been impressed with his work to date as a golf course designer."

While initial earthworks have already begun on site, the actual golf course construction is expected to begin in the second half of 2000. The anticipated opening of the first 18 holes for play is expected by the end of 2001.