Tournament Players Club planned for Mexico City

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MEXICO CITY — Construction is scheduled to begin late this summer on a PGA Tour Tournament Players Club golf course 30 miles northwest of the Mexici City.

Hurdzan/Fry Golf Course Design — in conjunction with professional golfer John Cook and PGA Tour lead designer Chris Gray — has completed the preliminary design for the 18-hole, private/resort course scheduled to open in 2002.

"The housing plan has been wrapped around the golf course," said Hurdzan/Fry Senior Design Associate David Whelchel. "They let us put the golf course where we wanted it, within reason."

Group IUSA, which has built several courses throughout Mexico, is the developer, according to Whelchel. The first phase of the TPC project will include the course, a hotel and commercial area. A second course is under consideration. Corporate villas are also planned in hopes of eventually landing a PGA Tour event, Whelchel said.

Whelchel said the property is located at 7,000 feet altitude, which should allow for plantings of bentgrass, ryegrasses and fescues, although the final turf selection has not been made. Bisecting the property are two small rivers, one of which has carved a bluff that will play an important part in the course design.

"On a clear day you can see two volcanoes east of the city," said Whelchel of the mountainside site. "We’ll probably move more than a million yards of earth."

Cook’s father, Jim Cook — who runs a tournament management firm and oversaw the Mexico Open — brought the Hurdzan-Fry team in on the project, Whelchel said.

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