Development, based here, has reached N.Y. The 18-hole layout will be de-
agreement to develop the Stony Point for a project manager to shepherd the
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lished a budget of about $15 million

signed by Jacobson Golf Course De-
Golf Club for the town of Stony Point,
course this month, with an opening

date in June 2003. No builder has yet
break ground this July on a

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said Vince Barracone, senior project manager at Mediterra. "Two full-size construction crews are working simultaneously, and as a result, we have doubled our progress on the North Course.

"An added benefit of the dual team approach," continued Barracone, "is that we are able to be more efficient while developing the course. For example, we can sod the bunkers and mounded areas because they take minimal irrigation. And because we will finish the course six months prior to our grand opening, we can delay planting fairways and ornamentals until the water conditions improve." Florida is in the midst of a crisis-level drought.

A TREND IN THE MAKING?

Tom Marzolf, senior design associate for Fazio Golf Course Designers, feels this method of golf course construction will be the trend of the future, due to increased demand to build more expensive courses faster.

"Developers today want to build $8-million courses and have them completed within a year," he said. "Using two contractors simultaneously is a way to meet these deadlines while ensuring the highest quality. There is no other course that I know of, nationwide, that has employed two separate contractors on the same project."

GIVING MEMBERS A CHOICE

Since construction began on the North Course, 11 lakes have been constructed, 16 holes have been cleared, six holes are roughly shaped and irrigation is scheduled to begin this spring.

The North Course, designed as a companion layout to the South Course, will also be distinctly different. Greens will be tiered instead of layered, and there will be more green and grade changes. The North Course will also feature naturalized edges to blend with the adjoining wetland areas.

"We want our membership to have the flexibility to choose between two different styles of golf," said Susan Hebel Watts, vice president of the Bonita Bay Group and general manager at Mediterra. "We feel that they'll appreciate having two courses and two different golfing experiences available to them in the same community."

Like the South Course, the North Course is designed to meet Audubon Signature Cooperative Sanctuary requirements. Both courses are Fazio designs.

MUCHO NODA REQUIRED

The Bonita Bay Group is developing Mediterra in the classical style of Europe's Mediterranean region. The master plan for the 1,697-acre community includes some 950 residences and more than 1,000 acres of open space. Membership in each golf club is limited to 275.

Mediterra Realty is now offering home sites from $450,000, coach homes from $450,000, villas from $600,000 and single-family homes from $1.85 million to more than $5 million.

The Club at Mediterra's 25,000-square-foot clubhouse, which opened in February, is the focal point of the Plaza, which will also include tennis courts, swimming pools and a fitness center. A private beach club with pool on the Gulf of Mexico will be available for resident members.

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in 1959, the La Quinta course is a PGA Tour stop for the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

NEW MARKETS IN EAST AND ABROAD

While most of their courses reside in the western states, the start of a new century has taken Graves & Pascuzzo into new markets. This year their designs have reached the East Coast, along with Italy and Japan.

Graves & Pascuzzo recently unveiled two new courses in Massachusetts - Indian Pond in Kingston, and The Ranch Golf Club in Southwick. Indian Pond, a private club, is part of a master-planned residential community owned by Massachusetts developer Fred Tonsberg. This course features holes that wind through heavily wooded foothills.

The Ranch Golf Club, a daily-fee layout, occupied a one-time dairy farm that became heavily wooded foothills.

Also under construction is a new course in Torino, Italy, scheduled to debut this year. The firm is working as well in Japan on the renovation of an exclusive private club in Sapporo called Otaru Golf Club, which will host the Japan Open in 2006.

Graves & Pascuzzo was founded in 1959 by Robert Muir Graves, who was joined by Pascuzzo in 1980. Based here in Northern California, with additional design offices in Oregon and Utah, the firm has designed more than 80 new courses throughout the world and collaborated on the remodeling of some 720 more.

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