



Arthur Hills expects that if Persimmon Ridge Golf Club in Louisville, Ky., "matures the way I expect it to, it can become one of the outstanding golf courses in the country." The 7,129-yard par 72 layout cuts through knolls, trees

and ponds on a 774-acre piece of land on which developer Elmore Just plans to build a second 18-hole course, a golf instructional academy, and home sites.

Loving stresses recreational golfer

Ray "Buddy" Loving Jr. has designed an 18-hole golf course for the recreational golfer first, at Shenandoah Crossing Farm and Country Club in Gordonsville in Louisa County, Virginia.

Saying research shows "so many courses are too difficult for recrea-

tional golfers," Loving said Shenandoah Crossing is designed with them in mind.

At the same time, Loving said, "It has championship tees and we've designed some intriguing holes among some lovely vistas, so the proficient golfer will enjoy

himself."

The 6,500-yard course winds through the rolling hills of the 1,000-acre resort.

Managing partner Resort Development International reports the course has been seeded and is expected to open for play in 1990.

NEW COURSES

Bates' Utah course 'spectacular' sight

Nestled among the desert mountains and laid out around two lakes, the Gene Bates-designed Washington Green Spring Golf Course in Washington, Utah, opened for play in mid-November.

Bates hopes the 6,742-yard, par 71 course, in the southwest corner of the state, will be one of the finest municipal 18's in Utah.

It winds around the two lakes and across several ravines that

bring into play a spectacular mountain backdrop. Bates also used the desert surroundings as a strategic element of play.

Construction began in December 1988 on 150 acres of land donated to the city of Washington by Redlands Corp. and Desert Mutual Investment. Redlands principals and Nels Clayton plan major commercial and residential developments next to the course.

Sun City Center project surpassing 100 holes

When nine Ron Garl-designed holes open at Cypress Greens in January, Sun City Center, Fla., will "break 100," with 108 golf holes.

Cypress Greens, which already has 18 holes, will offer 27 including the newest nine which plays at par 36 over 3,193 yards.

Sun City Center Corp. Senior Vice President Charlie Brasington said the firm already has plans for

another 18-hole executive course at the site, which is one of the largest self-contained retirement communities in the country.

Garl, who has designed other layouts at the project, features church pew bunkers, split-level fairways, terraces and beach bunkers in this course. It was configured around, through and over environmentally sensitive areas.

Sherwood Country Club wins Nicklaus' raves

Jack Nicklaus predicts great things for his newest design, Sherwood Country Club Golf Course in Thousand Oaks, Calif., which opened in a prestigious way.

Nicklaus and Greg Norman played a course-opening round on Oct. 30 at the 7,025-yard course, the centerpiece of an exclusive residential community. The course then hosted the inaugural Ronald McDonald Children's Charities tournament on Nov. 17-19.

"Sherwood is one of the outstanding golf

courses in the United States — a magnificent piece of land, so private — with so much natural beauty," Nicklaus said, adding that the day it opened it would "look as if it's been there for 100 years."

The course stretches along Sherwood Lake and a stream flowing from it. Developer David Murdock was committed to preserving the Santa Monica mountain locale by moving and replanting hundreds of mature oak trees that were found on the original site.

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