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the centerpiece of a 500-acre development 40 minutes north of Atlanta, Ga., will challenge every level of player when it opens this spring, according to architect Arthur Davis.

"Ibelieve in challenging golf for all player levels and Royal Lakes will provide the golfer variety, challenge and excitement on each hole," Davis said.

A championship par 72 layout,

Royal Lakes Golfand Country Club, Royal Lakes covers 6,712 yards over terrain covered with oak and pines and spotted with three lakes.

> Undulating greens and large tee areas are a feature of the course which is heavily guarded by sand bunkers and water.

> Play will be both private and public. It is a joint venture between Royal Lakes Associates, Norton-Mercer Development and The Norton Agency Real Estate.



The 12th hole displays part of a magnificent piece of land Curtis Strange and Douglas Carrick worked with to create King Valley Golf and Country Club in King City, Ontario.

#### **Carrick collaborate** ge,

Curtis Strange's first design collaboration project in North America - King Valley Golf and Country Club in King City, Ontario - is nearing completion.

Strange was involved as a design advisor with the architectural firm of Robinson & Carrick Associates, Ltd. of Willowdale, Ont.

The firm's Douglas Carrick is

the architect of the 18-hole, private course which is scheduled to open in July.

King Valley will measure 6,891 yards from the championship tees. It is styled in the tradition of the classic courses of the 1920s and 1930s.

Greens range from 5,500 to 6,000 square feet. Bunkers are relatively

deep and hollowed in most cases. Water comes into play on seven holes

Strange may collaborate again with Robinson & Carrick on a project at Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

Another Carrick-designed course, Grey Stones Golf & C.C. in Milton, Ont., should open in July.

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Landmark Club Management has signed an agreement with Davidson Communities of San Diego, Calif. to design and build an 18-hole public golf facility in Ramona, Calif.

Vice President of Landmark Golf Course Design Lee Schmidt, who worked for Pete Dye before joining Landmark in 1979, will oversee the project. Schmidt was involved with Dye on such courses as Casa de Campo in the Dominican Republic and Kingsmill at Williamsburg, Va., site of the Anheuser-Busch Classic.

"There will be an emphasis on shot values and strategy for all levels of play," said Schmidt of the new facility. "We stress mental play in designing golf holes — that is, we make distinctive holes that golfers will enjoy and remember." This is the third Landmark Signature Course, but the first outside Landmark Land Co., Inc. developments.

Two signature courses are currently under way for Landmarkowned properties at Oak Valley near Redlands, Calif. and Oak Harbor Yacht and Country Club near New Orleans, La.

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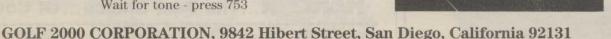
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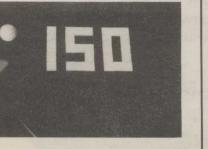
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