Course a focal point for \$400M N.Y. resort

An 18-hole golf course will be part of a \$400-million all-season resort in Great Valley and Ellicottville, N.Y.

Preliminary planning and development work on the golf course will begin in the spring.

Developers may install a ski lift on part of the land envisioned for the ski area for use in the 1991-192 season.

Part of that land used as a pasture has been cleared.

The project eventually would include a ski resort able to accommodate more than 4,000 skiers daily. Developer Vincent Bonerb said the resort would draw people from Canada, as well as the Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Rochester areas.

About 62 percent of the Canadian population lives within a 500mile radius of Buffalo.

Utah-based Jack Johnson Co. is the project's master planner.

715-yard hole a family course's challenge

LAVALETTE, W.Va. — When the Lavalette Golf Club course opens, hopefully in May, fancied heavy hitters should be high on the starter's sheet.

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These long-ball exponents are aching for a crack at the 14th hole, which measures 715 yards from the back tees and is listed as a backbreaking par 6.

The curious have been out in force since last July, when Albert Anderson, brothers Ken and Loren, father Pat and course professional Ken Lacy began their ambitious project. While the unusual length of the 14th hole has attracted most attention, Lacy said there will be other tests at course opening this spring. Stretched to the maximum, the

course will be 6,500 yards, and only 5,588 from the white markers.

Tee shots will be played from elevated tees or blindly over a rise. There are eight lakes. Bunkers are plentiful, along with strategically placed trees and mounds, and greens range from double-tier to one that serves two holes.

Owner Albert Anderson believes the variety of terrain and trouble will mean use of many more clubs than is customary at courses where driver and short iron are too frequently employed.

Purchase of the farmland ended a year of property exploration throughout the Tri-State area. Ground-breaking took place as soon as the deal was closed.

The Andersons, Lacy and a handful of other workers labored dawn to dark seven days a week, regardless of the weather. Water and drainage systems are in, and grass has been mowed.

When work resumes in the spring, fairways and tees will be reseeded and fertilized, and greens top dressed.

Bolstered by their success and undismayed by the prospect of more 14-hour workdays, the Andersons plan to develop another nine holes in the spring.

There are two cemeteries within the course's boundaries.

Illinois resort eyes fall start for construction

CARLYLE LAKE, Ill. — Construction of an \$11.5-million resort with an 18-hole golf course here could begin next fall.

Golf course cost is estimated at \$2 million.

Tom Hendrick of the Mariner Hotel Corp. said the hotel would include 120 rooms, all with patios. Half the rooms will overlook Carlyle Lake, the other half the golf course.

Hendrick said the West Access marina would be dredged to increase the size and to provide additional boat slips at the resort.

A new water plant is needed to serve the resort. The city of Carlyle has applied for a \$1.125 million U.S. Economic Development Administration grant to cover half the projected cost.

Grow-in delay means late start at Redhawk

Developers of the 18-hole Redhawk golf course in Southern California want things just right, so opening won't take place until early 1991.

The course was completed some time ago. Decision to delay opening was based on infrastructure improvements not yet complete and Mother Nature.

"The grasses have not established themselves as firmly as we would have liked," said Larry Heffner, senior executive vice president of Great American Development Co., developer of the course and surrounding 1,300-acre master-planned community off Highway 79 in the Temecula Valley area of southern Riverside County.

The l40-acre course was designed by Santa Rosa-based Golfplan/The Fream Design Group in conjunction with professional Mark O'Meara.

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