Capital brings improvements at The Bluffs

Infusion of "significant, new capital" into The Bluffs on Thompson Creek, a residential golf community outside Baton Rouge, La., is materializing in the form of major new developments.

Two years after its opening, additional amenities are being completed at the Arnold Palmer-designed golf course near St. Francisville.

Capital improvements and new developments just completed or underway at The Bluffs include: a clubhouse (including restaurant, meeting and banquet facilities), tennis and swimming facilities, additional parking, renovations and improvements to the existing golf course, and streambank stabilization along the course.

A project just completed along Thompson Creek protects the golf course from erosion along the streambank. Course renovations include paving of cart paths, new tees on holes 13 and 17, and doubling the size of the main practice putting green.

Studies indicate that a second 18-hole course will be feasible within five years. It then is planned to offer a separate, resort course for visitor play, reserving the existing club course for members.

Clubhouse, tennis and swimming facilities at The Bluffs will open this summer.

Park Board denies final payment on architect's fee

BISMARCK, N. D. — Final payment of \$5,000 to the architect of Prairie Wood Golf Course has been denied by the Park Board.

Mandan golfer Leroy McArthur told the board it had a valid contract with Minnesota architect Don Herford and that it didn't make sense not to make the final payment.

However, the Park Board last fall directed legal counsel to inform Herford they were withholding the final payment because he hadn't fulfilled contract terms.

Ben Pulkrabeck, the board's counsel, said the irrigation system had to be redesigned because the system Herford presented wouldn't deliver enough water.

Herford has designed 52 projects. McArthur said he didn't believe the 52 other communities were duped by him.

Kathy Helbling, board president, said the district was forced to pay to redesign the project and it would be unjust to expect it to pay for something not done right the first time.

Hills layout a challenge

CALHOUN, Ga. — Take several rolling hills, lots of trees, two lakes and a river. Mix well, and you have Fields Ferry Golf Club, scheduled to open in October.

The testing layout designed by Arthur Davis embraces several water holes, with strategic positioning of the greens to take full advantage of the waterways, ponds and lakes.

Fields Ferry's three finishing holes are cited as outstanding. No. 16, a 523-yard par 5, challenges the better player to carry the lake and approach the island putting surface in two. The 17th, a 155-yarder, plays from an island tee over a lake to a well-bunkered elevated green and old chimney.

The 18th is a 525-yard par 5 that can be reached in two with a strong drive.

Courses newly approved in U.S.

Golf Course News is publishing this list monthly. It includes courses that have been approved around the country in the past month. In addition, the chart on the opposite page contains the sites and contacts for new courses and renovations in the planning stages. When those courses are ready to begin construction they will be

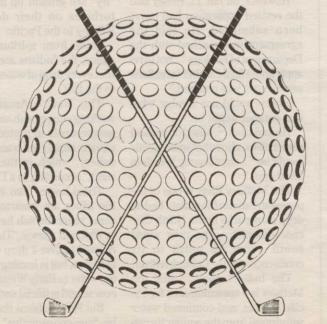
listed again in this "Courses newly approved in the U.S." chart.

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Under "Type" — D= Daily Fee; P= Private; and M= Municipal.

Location	Course Name	Туре	Holes	Address	Architect/Contact
Colorado ————————————————————————————————————	Walking Stick	M	18	N/A	Arthur Hills
Florida —			10	The second secon	Court Dlavou
Naples Georgia	Lely Resort/The Classics	P	18	Grand Lely Dr.	Gary Player
Alpharetta Waycross	Hopewell Downs N/A	D D	18 18	N/A Laura S. Walker State Pk.	Steve Melnyk, D.J. DeVictor Burns Golf Designs
Columbia Plainfield	Jefferson Barracks GC N/A	D M	18 18	Ramsey Rd. Ill. Rts. 126 & 30	Jim Watkins Plainfield Park Dist. Bd.
Maryland — Owings Mills Michigan —	Caves Valley GC	P	18	11745 Park Heights Ave.	Tom Fazio
Gaylord Lexington	Treetops GC Lakeview Hills CC	P D	18 9	Sylvan Resorts, Wilkinson Rd. 6560 E. Peck Rd.	Tom Fazio Dennis Fabbri
Washington Missouri	Greystone GC	N/A	18	32 & 33 Mile Rds.	Bob Breitmeyer
St. Albans New Jersey	CC of St. Albans	P	18	St. Albans Rd.	T. Weiskopf & J. Morrish
Galloway Twp.	Greens at Galloway	D	18	Jimmie Leeds Rd.	K.C. Dev. Corp., Burlington Cnty.
New Mexico ————————————————————————————————————	N/A	N/A	N/A	600 W. Santa Fe. Ave.	William H. Neff
New York Oriskany Falls	Barker Brook GC	D	9	RFD Rogers Rd.	David Keshler
North Carolina ————————————————————————————————————	Jump & Run GC	D	18	Jake Alexander Blvd. No.	Thomas Kern
Pennsylvania Manheim Twp.	Bent Creek CC	P	18	N/A	Farfield Co. Ron Forse
North Lebanon Tunkhannock Twp.	Royal Oaks GC Stone Hedge	D D	18 18	Oak Street N/A	Jim Blaukovitch
Florence Hilton Head	N/A Island West GC	D D	27 18	South Borough Rd. N/A	R.E. Goodson Const., Darlington Fuzzy Zoeller/Clyde Johnston
South Dakota ————————————————————————————————————	Central Valley GC	P	18	P.O. Box 155, Hwy. 38	Mike Smith
Utah Logan	N/A	M	18	N/A	Robert M. Graves
Virginia Lynchburg	London Downs GC	D	18	Rt. 811	Russell Bredeen
Washington ————————————————————————————————————	Skamania Lodge	D	18	N/A	John Kyle, Portland
Wisconsin — Kenosha County	N/A	D	18	Hwys. 75 & 142	County Board

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