

## Landmark's first signature design opens to kudos outside San Diego

RAMONA, Calif. — Mt. Woodson Country Club is the first Landmark signature golf course to open.

Near San Diego, the par 71, 6,200-acre layout is the center of residential development by Davidson Communities. The course has housing at the perimeter, not between fairways, in the style of older California courses such as Riviera or La Costa.

"We integrated the course into a fantastic natural environment of

mature trees, chaparral and rock outcroppings. This creates a dramatic look and requires accurate shotmaking," said Brian Curley of Landmark Golf Course Design in La Quinta.

"We have featured the existing natural rock terrain by using rocks as lake edging, as retaining walls and as locations for tees. We have used existing rock formations and manicured fairway edges to expose outcroppings. The result is a dramatic contrast between green turf

and the exposed rock."

Head professional Scott Bentley added: "Many new courses must start from scratch and plant new landscaping. We have the advantage of using groves and oversized oak trees here 40 or 50 years. We will have a mature, established look at opening."

Amy Strong Castle, on the Register of Historic Landmarks and symbolic of mission and classic California craftsman design, will be preserved as the Mt. Woodson CC clubhouse.

## Hanging Rock on 'magnificent' Va. spot

SALEM, Va. — "People come expecting just another public golf course, and they can't believe it," said the golf director at Hanging Rock Golf Club here.

K.C. Jones Jr. said Hanging Rock architect Russell Breeden "took an absolutely magnificent piece of land and designed a challenging, fun course with whatever you want."

Located in Roanoke County, near Salem, Hanging Rock is the first strictly public course to open in southwestern Virginia in more than

25 years.

Nestled into Fort Lewis Mountain in the Blue Ridge Mountain chain, its every hole is cut out of a forest and panoramic 20- to 30-mile views are everywhere, Jones said.

Highlights include greens averaging more than 8,000 square feet, fairways defined by more than 250 mounds, 75 tees, and a two-green 18th hole — one surrounded by water and the other having no water to negotiate.

Jones said: "Versatility may be our strong suit. By offering so many teeing stations, the course can be reduced to 4,600 yards or stretched out to more than 7,000 yards.

Although moderately bunkered and being challenged by water on just four holes, most golfers will find their handicap probably insufficient to match par (73) from the back tees."

Rob Coulter, formerly at Hidden Valley in Salem, has taken over the superintendent duties.

## Nugent and Western Golf Properties transform Bent Tree

DALLAS, Texas — In less than a year, Bent Tree Country Club underwent extensive renovation and was pronounced in excellent shape by competitors in the Texas Golf Association Mid-Amateur Championship Sept. 20-22.

Dick Nugent Associates of Long Grove, Ill., transformed a very good layout into an outstanding course.

Architect Dick Nugent, who co-designed Kemper Lakes, site of the

1989 PGA Championship, with the aid of Joe Black, president of Western Golf Properties, Inc., in Scottsdale, Ariz., skillfully remodeled the 18 holes.

No hole was left untouched in the \$800,000 project. Five greens were rebuilt, the other 13 resurfaced with Penncross bent. Fairway and greenside bunkers were reconfigured on every hole. New sand and tile eliminated a longtime drainage

problem.

Six bunkers were added, bringing the total to 88.

Six new regular tees and two forward tees were built. Mounding was added for separation of holes and to create a more rolling look. Fairway bunkers added in critical positions tightened driving areas.

Addition of a stream that runs the length of the right side of the long par four second hole changed a

## Building without permits costs developer \$15,000

ST. LOUIS — Stephen J. Apted, developer of an 18-hole golf course under construction in western St. Charles County, has been fined \$15,000 for failing to obtain required permits.

Contractor Bill Marcrander had started work on the golf course at a point farthest from frontage along Forstell Road. A dam near the road was high enough to obscure construction work, but a building de-

partment deputy discovered the work while driving by.

Grading on the project had been nearly completed and a \$650,000 underground irrigation system installed without permits or inspections.

When asked about sewage disposal in an area not served by a public sewer system, Marcrander said two septic tanks served the site.

## Willoughby's clubhouse garners national honors

STUART, Fla. — The clubhouse at Willoughby Golf Club here continues to garner accolades of professionals in the field of design.

In addition to the recent "Best of Show" Pinnacle Award, the clubhouse design has won the 1991 Aurora Award in the category of recreational facilities.

Designed by the architectural firm of CYP, Inc., based in Ft. Lauderdale, the design blends the graceful lines of a traditional style within the clubhouse while provid-

ing a dramatic statement for the exterior.

The 25,000-square-foot clubhouse includes spacious men's and women's locker rooms, golf shop, administrative offices, formal dining room, casual grill room and the Willoughby Room, named for Capt. Hugh Willoughby.

Interior design was provided by Judy Corr of Correct Interiors of Atlanta, Ga.

Willoughby is a private golf club community.

## Howard County golfers get what they've desired

GLENWOOD, Md. — Cattail Creek Country Club, conceived late in 1988 by avid Howard County golfers and businessmen, held groundbreaking ceremonies July 28.

The more than 500 guests included 150 founding members who formed a non-profit organization and in 1989 acquired 320 acres straddling Route 97 in Glenwood.

Grading has begun for the 6,800-yard par 72 course. Development plans call for grading to be completed next May. Overseeding of the course and greens will begin in the spring of 1992. Opening is due early in 1993.

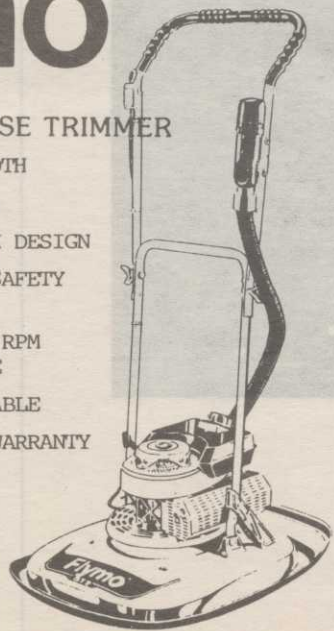
Willard Boyd, architect and designer of the Atlanta Country Club course, completed design and routing last April.

The McEwen Group, of Sarasota, Fla., designed the clubhouse.

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