

Jones Trail immortalized for tourists

Billed as the largest golf construction project in the history of the game, the \$100 million seven-course Robert Trent Jones-designed state golf trail is the showpiece of a free 45-page golf guide available from the Alabama Bureau of Tourism and Travel.

Titled "Golf/Alabama," the slick publication highlights the yet-to-be played trail designed by renowned golf architect Jones. It also includes a directory of every other public course in Alabama.

The Retirement Systems of Alabama is financing the ambitious trail complex, comprising four 54-hole and two 36-hole facilities under construction in Auburn/Opelika, Birmingham, Calhoun County, Dothan, Greenville, Huntsville and Mobile.

All are scheduled to open within the year.

From the colorful cover capturing the water at Lagoon Park in Montgomery, to a biography of golf legend Jones by editor Kenneth Mullinax, to entertaining contributions by writers Ray Ford and Lynn Fulman, the magazine packs much useful information, including interesting capsules of the new courses. Referring to Alabama as "The State of Surprises," the authors may not be far off the mark. Golf activity there has received little attention nationally. A project spanning the state with a hefty price tag catches a reader's eye.

It states boldly that there is more to "ZBama than the Red Tide football teams of Coach Bear Bryant vintage.

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PGMS publishes membership list

The 1992 Professional Grounds Management Society membership directory is now available, free to members and \$25 to others.

The 92-page book lists all 1,500-plus members of the society, comprising a combined market with annual budgets totaling more than \$100 million.

Also included in separate lists are the PGMS bylaws, officers, board of directors, 16 branches, past presidents since 1910, sustaining member organizations, certified grounds managers, and past Gold Medal recipients. The general membership listing is broken down alphabetically and by state.

Interested people should contact PGMS at 10402 Ridgland Road, Suite 4, Hunt Valley, Md. 21030; 410-667-1833. The manual has chapters on tools and equipment; pesticides; vehicle, equipment and tool maintenance; personnel; and grounds maintenance practices for turf, trees and shrubs.

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Dobereiner returns

Peter Dobereiner's latest book, "Golf A La Carte," incorporates recent work of the writer and columnist.

His special brand of humor spices thoughts on the game professionals and others less and far less skilled players.

Cartoons illustrate the 192 pages. Price is \$19.95. Credits of the British resident include "The Book of Golf Disasters" and "Preferred Lies about Golf."

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