

Clifton layout spices Grey Oaks

NAPLES, Fla. — Grey Oaks Country Club has been designed with luxury features and amenities developers hope will ensure it will be one of Collier County's premier country club communities.

Golfers at Grey Oaks will enjoy a Lloyd Clifton-designed course that also has visual design elements when traveling from tee to tee. The clubhouse has been built on an elevated site with a spectacular side view that spans the 18th green and fairway. The entryway to the community has also been designed, with an arched bridge that showcases the course and surrounding waterway.

The first phase of Grey Oaks Country Club, which includes an 18-hole championship course, a contemporary clubhouse and custom estate homes on wooded homesites, opened Jan. 29.

It is being developed by Peninsula Improvement Corp. on 1,600 acres of land owned by the Collier family since the early 1900s.

Fifty-four holes of golf are planned at Grey Oaks.

Clifton's design sports five sets of tees on each hole to accommodate a wide range of players. Subsequent courses will be designed in nine-hole increments as membership increases.

The clubhouse was designed by Diedrich Architects and Associates, with interiors by Image Design, Inc.



Grey Oaks Country Club's par-3 6th hole.

Staying at home

Graham, Panks use lush desert, 60-foot elevation change Tonto Verde in Ariz.

RIO VERDE, Ariz. — Former U.S. Open and PGA Champion David Graham, and his partner, Gary Panks, are designing the new Tonto Verde Golf Club here.

"With so many of our projects under way out of Arizona, we are very excited to be designing a first-class facility right in our own backyard," Graham said. "It will be an excellent opportunity to showcase our desert design philosophies in a spectacular setting."

The site for this 6,760-yard, par-72 course is characterized by a lush native Sonoran Desert landscape, with mature stands of ironwoods, palo verdes, and saguaro cactus. The Graham & Panks concept is to design the course with as little disruption to the native environment as possible, utilizing the existing landforms and mature trees in their routing.

The 60-foot elevation change across the property, numerous natural washes and views to the McDowells and the Mazatzal Mountain ranges, offer a unique opportunity to create 18 distinctively different holes.

Dave Ritchie, president of Rio Verde Development, said construction was scheduled to begin by April.

Foster moves, takes on new projects

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The golf course design firm Keith Foster & Associates, which has moved to new offices here, is beginning construction on two projects in the area for Robson Communities.

Irwonwood, an 18-hole master-planned community, is being built south of the city.

The second nine holes at PebbleCreek, west of Phoenix, will soon be under construction, according to Foster. The first nine holes opened in January.

Foster has moved to new offices. The firm is now located at 3110 N. 16th St., Phoenix, Ariz., 85016. Its telephone number is 602-279-4232.

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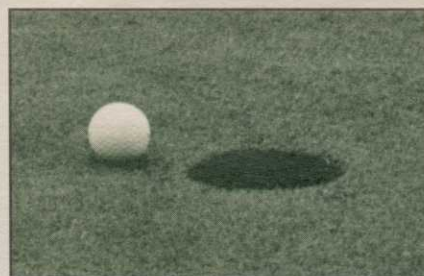
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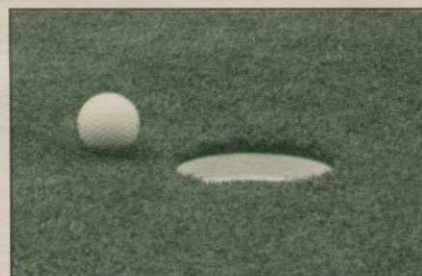
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