

## New nine at Concho Valley nearly ready

SHOWLOW, Ariz. — Concho Valley Country Club is preparing for the opening of its new nine holes this spring.

The expansion project began in 1991 with the planning and acquisition of land enabling the nine-hole course to fulfill its master plan of 18 championship holes.

Originally built in 1971, Concho Valley was designed by golf course architect Arthur Jack Snyder in a valley area

adjacent to the natural spring-fed Concho Lake. "From the beginning, we planned 18 holes within a unique way of phasing," Snyder said.

"To facilitate the eventual addition, five holes were worked out from the clubhouse and four designed coming in toward it. These are now the beginning and finishing holes."

In keeping with traditional golf layouts, the new par-72 Concho Valley course plays out

nine holes and then back to the clubhouse for a total back tee yardage of 6,656 yards.

The new nine, holes 6 to 14, wind through Alligator and Utah junipers, rolling hills and a dry lake area where fairways 10 and 11 provide strategic doglegs in an almost Scottish links setting of hillocks and bogs.

Concho Valley is a residential project of Lake Investment Co.

## Hills adding to Morgan River in S.C.

BEAUFORT, S.C. — Construction has begun on the second nine holes of the Morgan River course at Dataw Island. The course was designed by Arthur Hills and is scheduled to be completed in the fall.

The front nine of the Morgan River course was opened two years ago and construction of the second nine is one year ahead of schedule, according to Dataw Island President William Cochrane.

Hills describes the 13th and 14th holes as "our picture holes."

"The 13th hole goes out into a huge oak grove," he said. "So, in effect, the hole will be framed by the massive trees. It's some of the prettiest property on the whole course. The 14th hole meanders along the Morgan River and has limitless views of the river and nearby islands. It's very dramatic."

## Rees Jones' Olde Florida takes shape

NAPLES, Fla. — Work is progressing on construction of Olde Florida Golf Club as excavators and golf course shapers mold the Rees Jones design. The 18-hole course is taking shape on 120 acres located on 550 lush acres of tropical vegetation, including a 127-acre wildlife preserve and 30 acres of lakes.

Lynn Josephson, director of golf and one of the club's original founders, said the new and challenging 72-par golf course "is being built for golfers of all ages who enjoy the traditional and purist golfing experience."

Olde Florida will schedule no tee times and membership will be capped at 275 to avoid course congestion.

Over the past month, workers from Wadsworth Golf Construction Co., and the Phillips and Jordan Co., have been dredging six lakes and contouring the golf course under the direction of architect Jones.

## Hill Country opens to rave reviews in San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Arthur Hills 18-hole course at the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort opened for play on Feb. 24.

The par-72, 6900-yard layout occupies 170 of the resort's 200 acres. Rolling meadows, steep hillsides, wooded ravines and tree-shaded plateaus dot the landscape.

Paul Earnest has been named director of golf at the Hill Country Resort, General Manager Ken Pilgrim announced. Earnest will be responsible for the resort's golf operation, including the golf course, tournament management, pro shop, driving range and clubhouse. Earnest comes to the Hyatt from Barton Creek in Austin, where he was head golf professional. There, he was responsible for golf operations for the Fazio and Crenshaw & Coore courses and was involved in the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf and Celebrity Golf Assoc. tournaments.

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