Nugent's Heritage Bluffs opens in Illinois

CHANNAHON, Ill. — Heritage Bluffs Public Golf Club, the Channahon Park District's newest facility, opened for public play Aug. 3.

Located on 166 rolling, wooded acres just north of the Des Plaines River, the Dick Nugent-designed Heritage Bluffs features four tee boxes at each hole, with the par-72 course playing at lengths ranging from 4,967 to 7,106 yards.

A computerized irrigation system will ensure great conditions on the bentgrass fairways, and the putting greens built to U.S. Golf Association specifications.

The course also includes a practice range with four target greens, bentgrass tees, and mats for use in wet conditions. Construction of Heritage Bluffs was completed by Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. of Plainfield.

Park District Board President Carol Hoffman said. "Channahon Park District residents - and golfers from throughout the area -will be the beneficiaries of one of the top golf courses anywhere."

Mountaintop track opens in S. Carolina

LANDRUM, S.C. — The Cliffs Golf & Country Club, South Carolina's only mountaintop golf course, has been officially dedicated in ceremonies attended by Gov. Carroll Campbell.

DEVELOPMENT

The club is the centerpiece of The Cliffs at Glassy, a 3,000-acre resort/residential community that sits on the top of Glassy Mountain at the front range of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Situated at 3,000 feet above sea level, it commands striking views of neighboring mountain ranges, plus more than 70 miles of the state's Piedmont Region, including the nearby cities of Greenville and Spartanburg

Attending the dedication were U.S. Rep. Bob

Ingliss, S.C. Sen. Verne Smith and S.C. Rep. David Wilkins. The dignitaries were the invited guests of the club members and Jim Anthony, Frank Bridwell and Sam Cox, general partners in Glassy Mountain Development Co.

Designed by Tom Jackson, The Cliffs Golf Club plays to a par of 72 and stretches 6,804 yards from the championship tees. It offers bentgrass fairways, greens and tees.

Feature holes include the par-3 13th, which offers views of over 70 miles, and the downhill, par-5 18th, which plays 606 yards and drops nearly 150 feet from tee to green.

Wailea addition

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will exist. Last fall the first new nine was completed and golfers began playing a composite 18 holes. Linn said the second phase of construction is finishing now, bringing on line another nine holes.

In October, construction will begin on the clubhouse and the second, new 18 holes

The Gold Course will be "longer and scarier," Linn said, designed for championship play at more than 7,000 yards.

The Orange Course will be "a more fun, resort course with wider fairways, open-entrance greens, that sort of design," playing 6,600 yards.

All four nines will return to the clubhouse, which Linn said stands halfway up the hill on the property.

The site's 200-foot elevation change, he said, "is a plus in that you get fabulous views any way you look. But picking up that elevation meant stair-stepping the holes. Both starting holes eat up that elevation change and play down to the ocean.

"One drops 100 feet, the other about 90 feet. Then you work your way back up the slope. Both 18th holes play at the highest point of the property back down to the clubhouse."

Jones and Linn have designed the Gold Course to fit the theme of "wild and demanding.

"Look-wise, we're using a lot of unirrigated native grass - called natal redtop," Linn said. "It has a reddish-pinkish seedhead, and the grass turns a golden color so you get the blowing-in-the-wind contrast."

"The Orange Course is the opposite: a traditional, tropical Hawaiian oasis look, with flowers - lush garden look.'

The builders maintained archeological sites and incorporated them into the courses. "You get nice visual contrast between the lush Bermudagrass and the lava," Linn said.

Shinwa Golf, a major promoter of tournaments, also bought the Stouffer Hotel, the shopping village and other vacant land in Wailea that will be developed into housing away from the golf courses.

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