

Rainstorms force reconstruction at Sand Hills

From STAFF REPORTS

MULLEN, Neb. — Heavy rains in July caused rebuilding of several holes at Sand Hills Golf Course, delaying the expected Labor Day opening to next spring, according to owner Dick Youngscap.

Even before it opens, the Ben Crenshaw and Bill Coore design is expected to be a chart-buster. "It is something you can brag about," Youngscap said,

"because we didn't have anything to do with making it. All the contours were there."

Sand dunes on the property reach 30 and 40 feet high. Crenshaw and Coore's toughest job was choosing 18 holes from the 131 they found on the 8,000-acre site. The 18 they settled on meander over 500 acres.

Superintendent Keith Nordick, former first assistant at Brook Hollow Golf Course

in Dallas, is tending grow-in of a blend of finebladed fescues. They already have up to 40-inch roots, Youngscap said. He added that stabilizing the sand for cart paths has been a problem, and he is dead against using asphalt.

He added that six of the eight living quarters are finished and the clubhouse will be framed in by mid-October and ready to open next spring.

ASGCA NEWS

Architects offer RFP package

Business, investors and private clubs planning to develop land for a new golf course—or expand an existing facility—can make the task easier by obtaining a free copy of Request For Proposal For Golf Course Architectural Services from the American Society of Golf Course Architects. (ASGCA).

The comprehensive document is designed to help developers address key elements of a

project, including general notice, scope of services, owner's responsibilities, submittal requirements and the selection process.

"The Request For Proposal document benefits everyone involved in a golf course project," said Don Knott, president of the ASGCA. "It's extremely useful for first-timers who have never been involved in a golf venture, as well as for managers and committees who've been down this path before."

"As the popularity of the game continues to soar, it's obvious we need to keep pace with public demand," said Knott. "Private interests who develop land for a golf course operation can provide a public service or membership benefit that, when properly managed, can be profitable for many years."

Those interested in obtaining a copy of the RFP form and the ASGCA's membership list can obtain these free publications by sending a self-addressed, stamped business size envelope to the American Society of Golf Course Architects, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60601.

Development guide published, available

A free booklet, Golf Course Development Planning Guide, from the American Society of Golf Course Architects will help those interested in developing a new course get started in the right direction.

The 16-page brochure, with full-color illustrations and photography, covers all key components of a new course project. It includes an explanation for growing consumer demand for golf facilities, average cost of a new course, proper site selection, finding assistance, financing and sample operating projections for a daily fee course.

"This planning guide is an excellent primer for anyone seriously interested in developing a new course project," said Don Knott, president of the ASGCA.

Quest GC: 18 holes

HOUGHTON LAKE, Mich. — Due to a typographical error, it was reported in the September GCN that Quest Golf Course here is a 14-hole facility. Designed by John Sanford, with professional golfer Ken Green, the track is actually 18 holes, covering 6,950 from the back tees. A daily-fee course with memberships available, it is a resort with 72 residential lots. Its grand opening will be held next spring, Sanford said.

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