

Massachusetts course opens first nine

PLYMOUTH, Mass. — The first nine holes and driving range of the par-72 Atlantic Country Club opened Sept. 15.

Grand opening of the full 18 spanning 210 acres off Little Sandy Pond Road is scheduled April 1, 1995.

Mark Mungeam of Uxbridge and the golf course design architectural firm of Cornish and Silva designed the course, which measures 6,728 yards from the back tees.

Construction began last December.

Michael Facchini, co-general manager and co-owner, has as his partners Mark Ridder,

whose family owns Ridder Country Club in East Bridgewater, as well as John, David and Mark McSharry, construction company owners.

The group purchased the land at auction for \$1.4 million.

The owners have "saved themselves a fortune" through a "hands-on" work ethic.

They constructed a 20-foot deep pond on the site, which will store 10 million gallons of water from two wells to be used on the course's irrigation system as well as at the clubhouse.

Competing N.Y. tracks to coop

CANTON, N.Y. — Rather than regarding the new village 18-hole municipal golf course as competition, representatives of St. Lawrence University's country club favor cooperation and a team approach that will provide maximum marketing exposure on both sides of the border.

David T. Button, Canton mayor, said: "If we work together, I think we can bring people from all over the county to Canton. We will have more availability for playing golf than

any another community in St. Lawrence County."

The university course, off Route 11, is about one-tenth of a mile outside the village.

Attracting the Canadian market is a major goal of the two courses.

The municipal course, expected to cost \$1.1 million, hopefully will open next July. The village plans to charge residents \$13.50 for 18 holes and \$9 for nine. The university course charges \$17 for 18 holes.

Pennsylvania links addition blends with existing track

MOORE TWP., Pa. — The new front nine at Whitetail Golf Course, which opened in mid-August, bears a pleasant resemblance to the original nine that opened last May.

The new nine features stunning scenic views, large bentgrass greens, rolling hills, a variety of lies, three large ponds and several strategic shot-making options.

Whitetail was designed by Northampton native Jim Blaukovich.

The 147-acre site formerly was recreational groves and farmlands. Head pro Jim Booros plans to do some modifications to the back nine for easier continuous play.

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