

## Daily-fees still absent from Las Vegas boom

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Southern Nevada already has carved a niche for itself on the national golf scene with 30 public and private golf courses and a number of big-money professional tour events.

But the consensus among golfers, various city officials and developers is that there is still a desperate need for more courses, particularly daily-fee facilities.

How desperate? One feasibility study has shown that at its current rate of growth, Southern Nevada could handle 15 new courses right now and 27 by 1998.

Relief is on the way. Within the next three years, 15 new public-access courses will either open or begin construction. Several private courses are also planned.

The first wave of new courses includes the Arnold Palmer-designed Oasis Golf Club in Mesquite, which opened in mid-February, and the Pete Dye-designed Nu-Waiv Kaiv course which opened in early March on the Las Vegas Paiute Resort.

By fall, the Johnny Miller-designed course at Peccole Ranch will open as will an 18-hole executive layout in Sun City by the team of Billy Casper and Greg Nash.

## Stop-gap range for Baltimore?

BALTIMORE, Md. — It might only be temporary, but two developers here want to build a golf training center on a 27-acre peninsula until the market is ready for major development.

Richard Rymland and Robert Latshaw want Allied Signal Inc. to let them build the center on once-contaminated land that the company spent millions to clean up.

Allied plans to build a \$200 million residential, office and retail complex on the site of a former chrome plant but that idea is on hold until the real estate market improves.

Rymland and Latshaw have proposed a \$2.5 million golf center — not large enough for a full nine-hole executive course — that would include several par-3 holes, a practice area with sand traps and a driving range. The developers are reportedly interested in leasing the land from Allied for seven to 10 years.

If the two sides agree on the project, the golf center would be modeled after a Chicago golf center opened last July. That development, a par-3 golf course called the Illinois Golf Center, is within walking distance of the business district and has been a haven for downtown business types since it opened.

So far, representatives of various waterfront and harbor groups — including the Baltimore Harbor Endowment — have said they favor the idea.

Meanwhile, Primadonna Resorts has commissioned Tom Fazio, who worked with Mirage Hotel owner Steve Wynn on Shadow Creek in Las Vegas, to create a new course later this year on 450 acres in California near Stateline. A second course is also included in the master plan.

Bobby Weed, who designed the Tournament Players Club in Summerlin, will join Raymond Floyd for a TPC resort course that will be open for public play.

By year's end, the Mountain Spa development, located south

of Floyd Lamb State Park in northwest Las Vegas, will begin work on a 27-hole, Bob Cupp-designed complex.

Jack Nickalus' first local course, SouthShore, will debut later this year at the private Lake Las Vegas.

Also on the drawing boards is a proposed Mount Charleston resort course and four new Henderson golf communities — the Sun City-MacDonald Ranch project, Palm City, Seven Hills and Foothills at MacDonald Ranch.

## Blackwolf, Lawsonia have company

FOND DU LAC, Wis. — East Central Wisconsin may not yet be mentioned in the same breath as Myrtle Beach, but construction of the \$3 million, 18-hole Whispering Springs Golf Club here is the latest step in the region's growth as a golf destination.

Whispering Springs will be located between Lawsonia Links in Green Lake and Blackwolf Run in

Kohler — both strong golf destinations in the region.

Whispering Springs, designed by Bob Lohmann, will feature a state-of-the-art practice facility: a 350-yard driving range, island green, a pair of target greens and two greens adjacent to sand bunkers.

The first nine holes are scheduled to open in July 1996 with the second nine set for a month later.

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