

Councilman paves way for daily-fee track in Phoenix

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Thanks to the support of Cody Williams, Phoenix City Council member, District 8 will now be home to one of the state's new daily-fee golf courses when The Raven Golf Club at South Mountain opens next October.

"We looked at a number of different sites when making our decision, but the cooperation we received from Councilmember Williams made all the difference," said Mickey Williams, a principal of The Raven Golf Group, the developers of the new facility. "He has proven

to be someone we can look to for sound advice and guidance. And we are proud to be bringing The Raven Golf Club at South Mountain to his district."

The 200-acre golf development, which broke ground recently, is located in Phoenix between 32nd Street and 40th Street and bordered by Vineyard Road to the north and Baseline Road to the south.

The Raven Golf Club at South Mountain golf course was created by Scottsdale-based GPI Designs, a partnership between former U.S. Open and PGA Champion David Gra-

ham and architect Gary Panks. The Raven, according to Panks, will be reminiscent of the rolling, traditional designs more common in the Midwest. Plans call for the planting of more than 2,100 large trees, including Aleppo, Mondale and Canary Island pines.

Tiffway 419 will be used on the tees, fairways and rough. The greens will be Tidwarf Bermuda. Overseeding will be wall to wall with rye. The greens will be overseeded with bentgrass and poa trivialis.

Commerce City pursues muni work, American Links

COMMERCE CITY, Colo. — American Links Consulting of San Antonio, Texas, has been contracted by city officials here to perform advisory services and assist the city with development of a new municipal golf course, to be located north of the city and near the new Denver International Airport.

Design work on the course, expected to be named Buffalo Run, has been completed and the project is currently being bid by several prominent golf course construction contractors. Construction is scheduled to be underway in early spring 1995.

American Links was brought on board by Commerce City to assist with resolution of due diligence issues, as well as oversee bidding and construction of the project. Randy Trull, formerly of Wadsworth Golf Construction and president of American Links, expects construction of the golf course to be completed in October 1995.

Trull's most recent project was The Quarry Golf Club, a much heralded upscale, daily-fee golf course built in an abandoned rock quarry near San Antonio.

Penn.'s Robinsons engage Fazio for Hartefeld National

Two well-known names in golf course design and development are involved in two ongoing projects in Pennsylvania.

Golf course architect Tom Fazio will be the designer of a \$6.5 million golf course to be built on a former 460-acre country estate off Pennsylvania Route 41 in New Garden Township.

Hartefeld National Golf Club, an 18-hole course set for 188 acres, is scheduled to open for play in May and is expected to be a showcase.

A \$1.5 million clubhouse and public restaurant are expected to open in February. The golf course is part of a master plan for 2,000 acres near the Delaware border. It is being built partly on land belonging to Charles Raskob Robinson, whose family has been involved for generations in various renovations and buildings that have become historic properties associated with artist's retreats and diplomatic headquarters.

In Reading, the future of a proposed 18-hole course near Lake Ontelaunee will depend on pending analysis of environmental and financial issues.

Representatives of Palmer Course Design Co. have toured several sites but the project faces various hurdles.



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