

First executive track comes to Myrtle Beach

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — For all of its golf courses, South Carolina, or at least the Grand Strand, is about to get something its never had before — an 18-hole executive golf course.

A 3,270-yard layout will be a key feature of a \$20 million complex under construction on U.S. 1 five miles from downtown Myrtle Beach.

David Singleton and Dr. Hal B. Holmes Jr. of Conway are the developers of the Belle Terre complex. Belle Terre will also have two championship golf courses. The architect for all three tracks is Rees Jones.

The first phase of the project — the club-

house, executive course, one championship course and an 1,100-foot practice range — is scheduled to open this fall.

Consultants for the project include Jimmy D'Angelo, who worked with Rees Jones' father, Robert Trent Jones, during construction of the Dunes Golf and Beach Club, the Grand Strand's second course, which opened in 1949.

Singleton said he and Holmes, who owns the Belle Terre property, are the sole financial investors in the complex. Construction, which is being handled by the R. E. Goodson Construction Co. Inc. of Darlington, started in October.

Golf included in Nev. mini casino

SPARKS, Nev. — Loeb Enterprises is behind a massive 1,341-acre development at Spanish Springs that will include a 27-hole golf course, 400-room hotel-casino, equestrian center and housing ranging from apartments to upscale homes.

The Regional Planning Commission and City Council both approved the project unanimously. There were earlier concerns about the extent of gambling at the proposed development, and whether it would compete with casinos in Sparks and Reno.

But the developers have agreed to limit the space provided for gambling to 18,000 square feet.

Mexican course ready by summer

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — The Bajamar Ocean Front Golf Resort in Baja, Calif., Mexico, will feature a second Scottish links-style 18-hole layout by summer.

Construction is underway on the Robert von Hagge design. Plans call for a seaside layout. Five of the first nine holes will be near the water, with four directly above the resort's rugged Pacific shoreline.

The resort's current 18-hole course was designed by architect Percy Clifford 20 years ago. It was renovated last year.

Florida golf community sold

ORLANDO, Fla. — The first phase of the Remington golf community sold for \$3.2 million.

Owners Preston and Alexander Walls sold to the Remington Partnership, whose principals are Larry W. Lucas, John Webb and Joe Trannell.

U.S. Homes, Ryland Homes and David Weekly Homes will build 1,200 houses starting next summer. In a joint venture, the Remington Partnership and Clifton, Ezell and Clifton Inc. will build an 18-hole golf course.

Fazio to design Vegas layout

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — One of the major players in the city's resort scene has decided golf is a great way to lure upscale clients.

Primadonna Resorts — who run Primadonna, Whiskey Pete's and Buffalo Bill's — have hired Tom Fazio to develop a golf complex on 450 acres of California land four miles from Stateline.

Construction is expected to start by spring 1995. The initial phase of the proposed \$15 million project calls for an 18-hole

championship golf course, practice facilities and a clubhouse. The master plan includes an additional 18-hole course that may be added later.

Management at Primadonna Resorts says it thinks the addition of a golf facility will enhance the image of its facilities as true destination resorts. The idea, along with the development of a new conference center, is to help increase the length of guest visits and attract more bookings during weekdays.

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