

Ault, Clark add 7th course at Hot Springs, Ark.

KENSINGTON, Md. — Ault, Clark & Associates, Ltd., the golf course architecture firm based here, is busy in several states. To wit: Tom Clark has been retained by Cooper Communities, Inc. to design the seventh course at Hot Springs Village, Ark. Construction started in March.

The firm has designed all seven courses at Hot Springs Village, and has recently completed the new Diamante Course, which is a private club built by CCI and Club Corp of America.

The new Magellan Course will be built by the Property Owners' Association at the site of the ParFormance Golf School. With wide, generous fairways, just over 40 sand bunkers, and hundreds of grassy depressions, this course will be most playable for the senior and high handicap players. This marks the 20th course that Ault, Clark has completed for Cooper Communities, Inc.

Brian Ault is returning to the Beach Club Golf Links in Ocean City, Md., to add a second 18 holes to his original layout. Construction starts this spring, with the course targeted for opening in the summer of 1996.

Meanwhile, Bill Love and Dan Schlegel are about to start construction of the second 18-hole course at Penn National Estates, Fayetteville, Pa.

The original 18 was designed by Edmund Ault, and opened in the late 1960s. The new course will be a "traditional" design, playing 6,850 from the back tees, down to 5,250 from the forward tees. Completion is scheduled for fall, while the facility should be open for play in 1996.

CHAPARRAL PINES NAMES POPA

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Chaparral Pines L.L.C. has appointed Thomas J. Popa to vice president of development for The Rim Golf Club and Chaparral Pines Golf Club, in Payson. Popa was formerly vice president of business development for Graham & Panks International, a golf course design firm here.

The Rim Golf Club is scheduled to begin construction late this year, and will feature a championship course designed by Tom Weiskopf and Jay Morrish.

Garl track 1st out of the gate in developing Costa Rica

By MARK LESLIE

FLAMINGO BEACH, Costa Rica — "Paradise," says golf course architect Ron Garl, is about to double its golf holes.

The Garl-designed Rancho Los Calinas will not only be one of the few new golf courses to open in two decades in Central America, excepting Mexico, it will be only the second track in this entire country of oceans, mountains and wild rivers.

Yet in the not-distant future this nation will sport several new golf facilities, Garl said, adding that a half a dozen courses are on the drawing board, including his second — Pueblo Real in Que Pos, a community on the

Several new golf facilities sit ready to be built in this emerging tourist destination

Pacific Ocean in the middle of the country,

Rancho Los Calinas will be the centerpiece of a small resort and single-family residential area. Sitting in the mountains about one mile from the Pacific Ocean, it will sport dramatic elevation changes and spectacular views. Garl expects the first nine to open in November and the second nine next year.

The developers, the Mike Osborne fam-

ily, intend to open a small hotel in 1997. Single-family homes are now being sold.

Condominiums are already built on the Que Pos site, being developed by architectural firm owner Carlos Arias.

"Costa Rica truly is paradise," Garl said. "It is a wonderful country. The people are wonderful. It's the nicest country we've ever worked in. It's as beautiful as Hawaii and [costs] one-fifth the price."

While surrounding countries are troubled by political unrest, this nation has been a democracy for almost 60 years, and, Garl said, is "the most stable of all Central America."

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