

Raven Group, Jones II team up

TUCSON, Ariz. — Construction is underway here on The Raven Golf Club at Sabino Springs. Developed by The Raven Golf Group, a newly formed Arizona-based golf management and development company, the Sabino Springs project is the second high-end, daily-fee golf club in the state undertaken by The Raven Group. The company's first project, The Raven Golf Club at South Mountain in Phoenix, is also under construction.

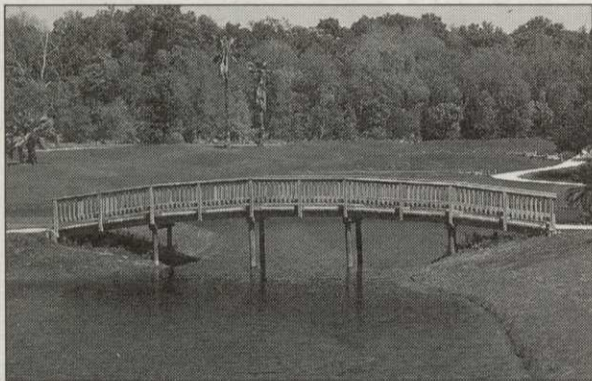
The Sabino Springs golf course, expected to open in December, will be the centerpiece of Canoa Homes' 410-acre master-planned community being developed northeast of downtown Tucson near the base of the Santa Catalina Mountains and adjacent to the Coronado National Forest.

The Robert Treat Jones Jr. 6,900-yard par-71 golf course will make ample use of the site's natural topography and dense desert vegetation including Giant Saguaros, palo verde, mesquite trees and every other species of Sonoran cactus imaginable.



GOLF AND RV AT POINT SEBAGO

The first nine holes at Point Sebago Golf and Beach Recreational Vehicle Resort in Casco, Maine, are scheduled to open in June. The second nine should be ready by spring 1996. Phil Wogan designed the 18-hole layout on the 800-acre property along the shores of Sebago Lake. Developers claim Point Sebago is the only RV resort in New England to offer guests a golf course and beach area.



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Williams & Gill finish Pebble Creek's new 9

BECKER, Minn. — The \$1 million, nine-hole addition to the Pebble Creek Country Club is now open to the public following a ribbon-cutting and inaugural rounds of golf played by council members, architects and contractors, according to Cary Femrite, golf course manager at Pebble Creek.

"We had a great summer for construction in 1993 and a perfect grow-in year in 1994. Weather was favorable and the hot spring temperatures enabled us to gain a month on our maturation process," said Femrite.

Garrett Gill and Bill Fitzpatrick of Williams and Gill of River Falls, Wis., were principal architects in the expansion. The 57-acre tract of relatively flat land was converted to a gently rolling 3,500-yard, par-36 course with many ponds. Connected by a \$250,000 concrete tunnel, the Blue Nine compliments the existing 18-hole, par-72 layout designed in 1987 by architect Donald Herfort of nearby Edina.

"We wanted an expansion that would equal or exceed the quality of our existing complex and those needs were exceeded," said Femrite. "We were turning away enough people on the weekends to fill the 18-hole course twice over."

Mayor Norm Jenson made the expansion a top priority. After getting city council approval, the grounds crew made use of huge boulders unearthed on the site to construct a cascading waterfall that accents the highly visual par-3 7th hole, which can be seen from the clubhouse and road.

Johnston designing 2nd at Wachesaw Plantation in S.C.

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Clyde Johnston Designs has been retained to design the second golf course for Wachesaw Plantation East, a 390-acre residential and recreational community at Murrells Inlet, S.C., just south of Myrtle Beach.

The second course is planned to be semi-private, and will complement the existing Tom Fazio-designed course at Wachesaw.

The Wachesaw course is currently in the design phase, with construction scheduled to begin this spring. The track will play just under 7,000 yards with a par of 72. A course opening is planned for late summer, early fall of 1996.

Morocco calls; Casper & Nash respond

PHOENIX, Ariz. — The golf course design team of Billy Casper and architect Greg Nash has been contracted to design a new 18-hole golf course in Morocco.

"Golf is starting to emerge as one of the most popular pastimes in Morocco. And, the country is becoming known as one of the fastest growing Mediterranean golf destinations," said Nash. "Billy and I are proud to be part of the game's growth in North Africa."

Despite being nearly half the world away, the 6,700-yard, 18-hole Moroccan course will be similar to many Casper/Nash courses in the United States.

"Believe it or not, the climate of Morocco is kind of a cross between that of Southern California and the Southwestern deserts of the United States," said Nash. "They have a lot of the very same conditions we encounter on our courses over here. And, that means we can use many of the same high-quality grasses and vegetation that are featured on our courses in Arizona, California and Nevada."

Casper/Nash & Associates is involved in eight golf course development projects in various stages of design, planning and construction worldwide. Their most recent course to open was the highly-acclaimed 18-hole championship course at Club Terravita in Scottsdale, Arizona.

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