



## Tenn. officials name new courses after Nicklaus

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Southern neighbor Alabama has the Robert Jones Trail. Now Tennessee has The Bear Trace.

Bear Trace is the new name state officials are giving to the series of four Jack Nicklaus-designed daily-fee courses under construction in four state parks.

The \$20 million project will create new championship-caliber 18-hole layouts in the east, central and western parts of Tennessee — Cumberland Mountain State Park in Crossville, Chickasaw

State Park in Henderson, Harrison Bay State Park in Chattanooga and Tims Ford State Park in Winchester. Cumberland Mountain is the first course expected to open, in July 1997. Chickasaw should open by September 1997 and Harrison Bay and Tims Ford will open in 1998.

Trace is a name often used in the South referring to a trail or route used by animals or people, often with historical, cultural and even mysterious origins. Tennessee is already home to one well-known trace, the Natchez Trace, a

lush, winding strip of green space that starts just south of Nashville and angles southwest through Alabama and down to Jackson, Miss.

Bear Trace is being built for the state by a development partnership of Golf Services Group of Houston, Whitley Development Group of North Palm Beach, Fla., and Wadsworth Golf Construction Company of Plainfield, Ill. Tennessee Golf, Inc., will lease, operate and market the courses for an initial 25-year period, with a 15-year extension option.

## Bardmoor receives \$500,000 remodel

SEMINOLE, Fla. — A \$500,000 renovation project on the 18-hole course at the private Bardmoor Golf Club has transformed a worn-down site to a snazzy, new looker.

The 25-year-old course was shut down to the public in late May of this year. The course now has new grass, enlarged and regraded tees and greens and resurfaced cart paths. The greens have been expanded from a total of

66,000 square feet to 90,000 square feet. They were planted with Tifdwarf Bermuda sod that had been grown on plastic and was ready for play in 30 days. Bardmoor's own construction company, Green Visions, did the work.

The golf course isn't the only thing to change at Bardmoor. Construction will start on a new \$875,000 clubhouse in early August.

## Myrtle Beach escapes Bertha

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Myrtle Beach area courses, which are often vulnerable to hurricanes, were spared the wrath of Hurricane Bertha.

All courses closed for several days as the storm brushed the South Carolina coast, but they experienced no major damage, except the loss of a few trees.

"We were fortunate to escape the brunt of Hurricane Bertha," said Dave Honeycutt, general manager of Myrtle Beach Golf Holiday. "It's business as usual in Myrtle Beach."

Hurricane Bertha did not hit Myrtle Beach's famous Grand Strand directly and left only heavy rainfall. Over 300,000 travelers were expected to vacation along the Grand Strand in the week following the hurricane.

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