

Development flourishing

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ship entrance fees but want to have access to a privileged club environment, if only for a day," said club General Manager Anthony Cottan of Hong Kong-based CCA International Inc., the course operator.

Located in the heart of Lippo Karawaci, a vast residential, commercial and recreational complex, Imperial Klub Golf also features a restaurant, pro shop, massage rooms, driving range and CCA Golf Academy. Individual and group lessons, as well as tournament and corporate day packages are available.

"We are very proud to pioneer the first public course in Indonesia and plan to take this concept to other countries around the region where golf is equally popular, but not readily available to the golfing public," said Dieter Klostermann, chairman of CCA Group.

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BINTAN ISLAND, Indonesia — Construction is well underway here at the Gary Player-designed Straits KMP Resort. The opening nine of this 36-hole project should be open for play by mid-1997, according to Phil Jacobs of Gary Player Design Co.

Construction at Straits KMP includes several innovations. Terracottem, a mixture of hydro-absorbent polymers, mineral fertilizers, organic fertilizers and growth stimulators, will be incorporated into the fairway growing medium.

Zoysia El Toro is being planted on the fairways, roughs and tees, with Tifdwarf on the putting surfaces.

Elsewhere in Asia-Pacific, Player expects a late-1996 opening for the 18-hole Manna Country Club in Japan. In The Philippines, the player designed Baguio project — developed by mega-developer Sta. Lucia Realty — has entered the final phase permitting. Player design is now finalizing detailed drawings.

Finally, in Shenzhen, China, more than 650 members attended the recent grand opening at Sand River Golf Club here, despite heavy rains leading to further settling on the primarily reclaimed land.

The opening of Phase I includes the inland nine holes, lighted for night golf, and the Gary Player golf academy and instructional areas. Sand River now claims to be the only club in China with night golf, though at least two others are working on it.

The project has improved its dredge-and-fill operations significantly, speeding progress on the ocean 18. Shaping is well underway.

Hurdzan breaks into Aussie market

By MARK LESLIE

FORSTER/TUNCURRY, Australia — Tallwoods Golf Club, a 600-acre community featuring a Michael Hurdzan-designed 18-hole golf course, is being built in this popular resort area.

Site clearing is underway and course construction began in earnest Aug. 1 at this spot some 210 miles up the coast from Sydney, according to David Whelchel, a senior designer with The Hurdzan Design Group in Columbus, Ohio, U.S.A.

Tallwoods Proprietary Ltd., led by Dubbo developer Bill Richardson and a silent partner, foresees the project as second-home and retirement community. The course will be private to community residents, but will offer tee times to visitors, such as from hotels at the neighboring towns about 20 kilometers away.

The site is just 2 kilometers from the ocean, spread over hilly topography, Whelchel said. "The climate is wonderful, and it's a great property," he said, "hills and valleys and with 100-foot-high and higher

eucalyptus trees. We'll be playing up valleys, with several lakes on the golf course.

"We're working around some interesting native vegetation. It contains some very, very nice, small rain forest-type areas, and we'll play around them and highlight them within the course."

The 6,100-meter, par-72 track will be "retirement-person oriented," Whelchel said. "We want golfers to have fun. We don't want to beat them up. It will be challenging from the back tees and friendly from the middle tees."

Because Tallwoods Proprietary is the general contractor, the course will cost just Australian\$3 million, he added.



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