

San Jose developers plan to double size of existing layout

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Owners of Riverside Golf Course in Coyote Valley are set to create the largest golf complex in Santa Clara County.

The owners want to expand the 18-hole public course to 36 or 45 holes. The second course will also be open to the public, but developers hope to bring in a name architect to design a more upscale and challenging daily-fee layout, said Randy Wheeler of Castle & Cooke Homes Inc.

Castle & Cooke, a division of Dole Food Co., originally had ambitions to develop a new town of homes, industry and recreation on the Riverside property west of Highway 101. But plans

now are for golf only, which satisfies local residents and environmentalists.

Castle & Cooke reportedly will first renovate the existing course by installing new irrigation and reseeding the putting greens next year. Eventually, the existing clubhouse will be torn down and rebuilt in an area south of the existing course bordering the new holes. The entrance to the course will also be shifted from Monterey Highway to the Scheller Avenue exit from Highway 101. The decision to build 18 or 27 new holes will depend on the recommendations of the designer.

Seattle proposal creates a stir

SEATTLE, Wash. — The first shovelful of dirt has yet to be turned, but The Golf Club at Newcastle has already generated a buzz of interest among some of golf's leading names.

The proposed club will feature two 18-hole courses — one private, one public — designed by Robert Cupp. There will also be a 400-yard long driving range with tees at both ends. PGA Tour star Fred Couples, just off his \$270,000 Skins Game win in late November, will reportedly assist

Cupp in the planning.

Couples recently pledged to make The Golf Club at Newcastle the permanent home of the Ernst Championship in 1998, when the private Coal Creek and the public China Creek are both expected to be finished. The Ernst Championship is an invitation-only event where Couples hosts 30 fellow PGA Tour pros.

The hilly 350-acre site atop three former underground coal mines offers spectacular views of downtown Seattle, downtown Bellevue and Lake Washington. Cupp has said "it has some of the most incredible potential of anything I've ever seen."

Scott Oki, a former executive with Microsoft who owns the Seattle Sounders soccer team and the Echo Falls Country Club, is the developer for the project that could run as much as \$30 million. Oki has said the private Coal Creek club will be "ultra-private" with no men's days, no ladies days, no juniors days and only four tournaments of any kind during the year.

RTJ II gives all to Eagle Point GC

MEDFORD, Ore. — Robert Trent Jones Jr. has spared little if anything in the design and construction of the extravagant 18-hole Eagle Point Golf Course — his first venture as designer and owner of a golf course.

Jones ordered the reconstruction of the 18th green twice because he wasn't satisfied with the original version.

He reportedly changed the bunkering and elevated the 18th green another 3 feet so that it could be seen better from the course clubhouse.

And, to ensure quality turfgrass and bentgrass greens, Jones spent another \$1 million to put a 6-inch layer of sand under the entire golf course.

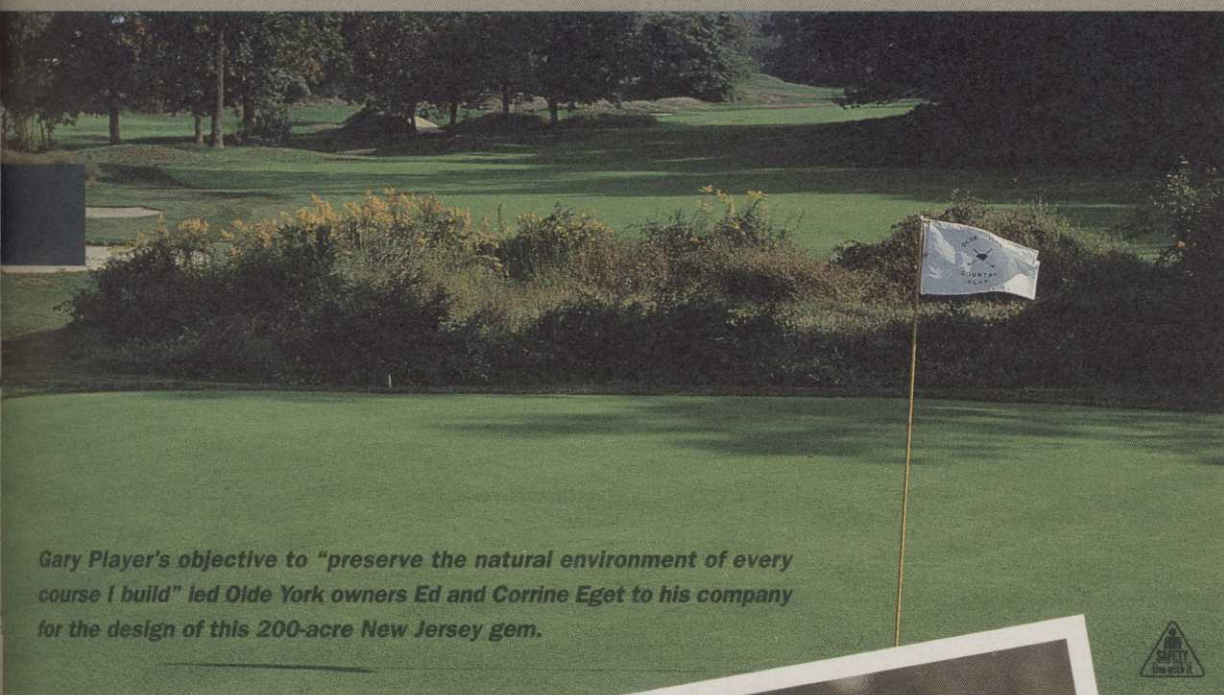
The course, which is scheduled to open in late spring 1996, will stretch to approximately 7,100 yards from the back tees and play to a distance of 5,200 yards from the forward tees.

David Day, a former golf course superintendent who worked for Jones' Greenscape course construction company for the past seven years, is general manager of the course.

Dave Stephens is Eagle Point's golf course superintendent.

CORRECTION

A new course listing in Kendallville, Ind., that appeared in the November issue had an incorrect contact name. Dykstar Design (219-854-9821) is the correct contact for Noble Hawk Golf Links. Construction began in October and the course will open in May 1997. Ryan Inc. Central is the course builder.



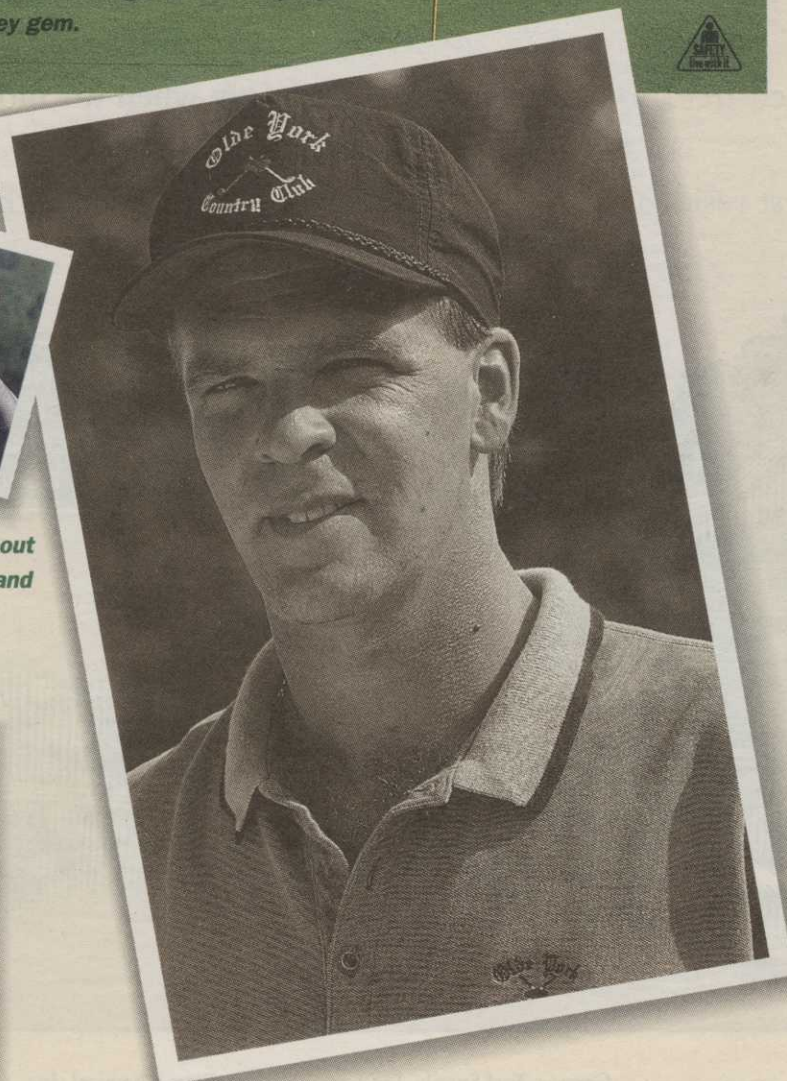
Gary Player's objective to "preserve the natural environment of every course I build" led Olde York owners Ed and Corrine Eget to his company for the design of this 200-acre New Jersey gem.



"I couldn't have done this job without my assistants Bill Greene (left) and Jim Carr," says Mark Stallone.



The site's 250-year history as a dairy farm, trading site, and horse stable is reflected in Olde York's historic logo.



"I've been design coordinator on projects from California to Florida to South Africa," says Mark Stallone, "and I've never seen equipment perform like this."