

Ore. project signs Thompson Planning

WINSTON, Ore. — Brockway Oaks, southern Oregon's newest golf course development, has selected Thompson Planning Group, Ltd., of San Rafael, Calif., to design and oversee construction of the 18-hole, par-72 course.

Peter Thompson has routed the 6,811-yard layout through a valley amid rolling hills along the south fork of the Umpqua River that borders the 275-acre site. A clubhouse, restaurant and golf practice facilities also are a part of the first phase of the de-

velopment, which includes plans for a resort hotel on the site.

For golfers, Thompson has provided multiple challenges with a design accentuating the features of the land — gently rolling hills, seasonal creeks, wetlands that are home to deer, turkeys and foxes. Fairways will be lined by large oaks and cedars, with the holes offering scenic views of the river and hills.

"Brockway Oaks will quickly become known for its natural beauty, the way it gently sits on

the land. The site offered us the opportunity to shape holes that, essentially, were already there," said Thompson.

His design incorporates six lakes throughout the area's only 18-hole, daily-fee course situated on a portion of the historic Nichols Ranch. The ranch was founded in 1867 and the much-acclaimed general store still on the site will be incorporated into the commercial development.

The course is scheduled to open in the spring of 1997.

Reserve Vineyards — and golf, too

PORTLAND, Ore. — Construction began in May on an innovative 36-hole golf course called The Reserve Vineyards and Golf Club, located on the western outskirts of the city. The Reserve will operate under a format by which a private membership and the public will be able to enjoy the benefits of the 36-hole facility. Alternating each day, one course will be dedicated to public/resort play, with the other reserved for private members and their guests.

Meanwhile, The Reserve will feature its own vineyards with a "winery" theme throughout the property. The chateau-style 39,000-square-foot clubhouse, which will overlook the finishing holes of both courses, will actually have a wine-tasting station next to the golf shop promoting The Reserve's own private label.

The courses were designed by John Fought and Bob Cupp.

The project is being developed by D.S. Parklane, a major Korean business entity. OB Sports has been contracted to supervise the design and construction, and manage the project upon completion.

Olympic Club completes work on ocean holes

SAN FRANCISCO — Ironwood Golf Inc. has completed another phase of expansion at the Olympic Club here.

The golf course construction firm extended the Ocean Course back to the ocean after decades of inland retreat due to a number of landslides.

Director Dean Bowen and his team have completed all phases of construction on four new holes, and rough-shaped two additional holes for future completion. These new ocean holes are some of the final designs of Jay Morrish and Tom Weiskopf.

In previous phases of development the firm reconstructed various golf holes on both the Ocean and Lake courses. Bowen also constructed the new nine-hole Cliffs Course which Weiskopf touts as the finest facility of its kind anywhere in the world.

Renville proceeds with muni plans, hires Norby firm

RENVILLE, Minn. — The city of Renville has hired Kevin G. Norby & Associates, Inc. of Minnetonka to provide a preliminary routing plan for a proposed golf course.

The plan will be drawn for 18 holes and a driving range on 160 acres of land the city has purchased.

Neighboring land owners have expressed an interest in providing additional areas for housing development on the proposed course. don Herfort, Inc. of Edina will be the architect for the preliminary design.

The city has met with Jackpot Junction Casino and Convention Center about potential joint marketing strategies for the golf course, casino and convention center.

Officials feel the close proximity of the two facilities would provide excellent marketing and promotional opportunities for both entities.

