

Elderly Maine track triples in size

OLD ORCHARD BEACH, Maine — Local entrepreneur Ronnie Boutet, the new owner of Dunegrass Country Club here, is expanding the facility from nine to 27 holes.

The construction includes many improvements to the original nine, a 70-year-old layout that measures 3,100 yards and is meant for seniors and beginners,

according to Boutet.

Expected to open July 1, the new 18 is being built by Sand Wedge Golf using the original routing performed by architect Dan Maples.

Sand Wedge hopes to plant at least nine holes by Sept. 15 and the remainder by Oct. 1. It will measure "championship length," Boutet said.

Owner, super expand Turner Highlands

NORTH TURNER, Maine — Construction ended Aug. 21, on a new nine that will turn Turner Highlands into an 18-hole track.

The new nine is expected to open in August. The first nine boasts hilltop views of mountain ranges. The new nine me-

anders through a wooded area with views of the Androscoggin River. Measuring 6,120 yards from the back tees, the new 18 will play 36-35 for a par 71. It was designed by owner Steve Leavitt and superintendent Frederic West, and built by Leavitt and K&K Construction.

Restauranters try their hand at development

By MARK LESLIE

GRAY, Maine — The owners of Cole Farms restaurant here plan to construct an 18-hole, daily-fee golf course on 164 acres adjoining their business on Route 100.

Pollard Associates, operated by brothers Brad, Jeff, David and Gary, has hired Brad Booth of Ogunquit to design the course and accompanying driving range.

Fred Stone Golf Course Renovation and Construction, which is finishing up work with Booth on an 18-hole Litchfield project, is the general contractor.

Booth hopes to start clearing for the new project in the fall and begin construction in 1998.

"It's a gorgeous property," he said, "mostly beautiful rolling fields. Some wetlands in the fields will be expanded to holding ponds."

Booth foresees little earth-moving on this yet-to-be-named course.

"At first blush I see a good portion of it as natural, with native grasses between holes as buffers," he explained. "I'll move a few tree-lined holes into each nine to mix it up. It will be a real nice blend."

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Meanwhile, Booth's The Ledges course in Kittery, located in southern Maine, will restart construction in April.

Ponds were constructed last fall and a 1998 opening is anticipated.

Eagle Point

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the advantages he brings as owner, Day explained. Jones attended the 1996 U.S. Amateur Championship at Pumpkin Ridge near Portland, where he talked golf writers from the *New York Times* and *Orange County (Calif.) Register* into visiting his new facility.

"They played the course and wrote some nice stories about it," Day said.

Along with his father, Robert Sr., and brother, Rees, Jones owns a portion of Coral Ridge Country Club in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., a Robert Sr. design that opened in 1962. Eagle Point marks the first of his own designs Jones Jr. owns and manages.

"If this goes well, he could do other ownership deals in the future," Day said. "If he does, it will probably be more of a joint effort with additional partners."

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