

Classic Golf project to anchor Virginia senior community

FAIRFAX, Va. — Leonard deBoer, course architect and president of Classic Golf Group, Inc., has announced his firm has been hired by the Virginia Division of Pulte Home Corp. to design a "Classic Challenge" par-72 golf course as the centerpiece of Pulte's new Active Adult Community here, Cedar Crest.

Classic Golf Group specializes in the design of championship-caliber, economical golf courses

to suit the playing abilities of average golfers.

The 700-plus acre Cedar Crest site is located on gently rolling wooded terrain and drains into the historic Bull Run. From north to south, the property falls more than 100 feet, with a fast-moving creek running approximately one mile through the site. deBoer said the many natural rock outcroppings and water cascades will lend themselves to an outstanding layout.

Witter to overhaul Mass. design

MAYNARD, Mass. — Maynard Country Club will continue further renovations to its nine-hole layout. Since August of 1996, various improvement projects have been underway on this semi-private tract. Witter Golf of Lockport, N.Y., has been hired to assist the club in carrying out its plans.

According to Scott Witter, "All

the renovations will follow the guidance of a Long Range Master Plan. The most significant change will be seen at the par-4 2nd hole."

Since the existing layout does not include a par-5, Witter will redesign the second hole into a sweeping 520-yard dogleg. Also to be included in the master plan is a continuation of their new multiple-tee program. Over a period of five years, all the original landing-strip tees will be replaced with three or four new tees per hole.

Other future components of the long-range plan include re-cutting the bunkers and evaluating strategic locations for new bunkers. In addition, Witter Golf will conduct a comprehensive study of the golf course trees. Rounding out the plan is the conversion of the fairway grasses from bluegrass and perennial ryegrass to bentgrass. Course superintendent Jim Whitley began the conversion last fall, with the application of growth regulators. Through an overseeding program, Whitley expects the total conversion to be complete within three to four years.

All 27 at Dunegrass to open by Aug. 15

OLD ORCHARD BEACH, Maine — Dunegrass, a 27-hole golf and residential community here, will come on line in stages this year. The nine-hole former Old Orchard Beach Country Club has scheduled an April 15 grand reopening. This sporty layout will feature a new irrigation system, along with several new tees, new water hazard, and other changes.

The 18-hole course, the Dunegrass Golf Club, is a Dan Maples design of championship length. A tentative opening has been set for August. Both courses will be open to the public and a limited number of memberships are also available.

Surrounding both courses is a residential development made up of 13 distinct neighborhoods. Houses are under construction in two of these neighborhoods and plans for further development will take effect as demand warrants.

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EAST LANSING, Mich. — Ray Hearn Golf Designs, Inc. has moved its offices. The architect can now be reached at 271 Woodland Pass, Suite 200, East Lansing, MI 48823. Hearn can be reached by phone at 517-333-4336; by fax at 517-333-4464.

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