

N.C. corporate park opening resort daily-fee golf club

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Adding a unique touch to the newly developed Ballantyne Corporate Park, Bissell Golf and owner/developer Smoky Bissell have announced the May opening of Golf Club at Ballantyne Resort.

The focal point of the 525-acre Ballantyne Corporate Park, the upscale resort daily-fee golf course was designed by Land Design, Inc. of Charlotte. Ballantyne Resort is

a resort and recreation complex being developed by Bissell Development.

"The Ballantyne Resort course will be one of the finest resort/daily-fee courses in the South," said Bissell Holdings' David Conlan.

The par-71 layout has five sets of tees that play from 6,735 to 4,815 yards.

"The course has a distinct Donald Ross feel," said Director of Golf Dana Rader.

"Every hole is memorable, the topography is undulating and scenic, and the challenges are numerous. It is what I call a 'thinker's' course."

The 4,500-square-foot Dana Rader Golf School and teaching center opened Oct. 1.

Nelson Cato, a 20-year veteran with extensive experience in North and South Carolina, is the golf course superintendent.

Foster faces history in Miami, Louisville tracks

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Keith Foster Golf Course Design has been retained to work with Louisville Country Club here and at Miami Springs Golf Club in Miami, Fla.

Louisville Country Club is considered among the top old clubs in Kentucky and was designed by Robert White and Walter Travis in the early 1900s. The intent at Louisville is to develop a program for a sensitive restoration of the course.

Miami Springs Golf Club has been referenced as one of the more historic courses in the country. Miami Springs will be going through an extensive renovation and restoration.

Big Canyon hires Harbottle to handle redesign

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Golf course architect John F. Harbottle III has been hired to oversee a major remodeling of Big Canyon Country Club here.

Ground will be broken early this year on the \$3.5-million project, which should be completed by the fall.

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Meanwhile, grassing is complete on the Harbottle and Johnny Miller-designed Sierra Nevada Golf Club in Genoa, Nev. The second upscale public course Harbottle has designed in the area, the track winds through rugged, high-desert savanna. It should open for play in the summer.

Construction is completing at The Tradition, a 27-hole upscale public course Harbottle designed in San Jose. Expected to open in the fall, the stand-alone course is carved through oak forests and over rolling terrain near the Callero Reservoir.

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VALPARAISO, Ind. — The brainchild of Mike Laughner and Nancy Bender, the city's PGA teaching professionals, this community will build a new upscale municipal golf course and training center here. The city owns and maintains an 18-hole course. Due to explosive growth of the city's junior and beginning golf programs, the concept of focusing on the development of a golf training and teaching centers became evident. Don Childs Associates has been awarded the master planning and design contract for the facility. The initial master plan is to focus on developing the remainder of the acreage as public park and nature preserve.

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