

CONWAY, Ark. — Golf course architect Greg Clark and his company, Fairway Golf Course Development, Inc. of Lonoke, are building two new courses, including Bunker Hill Golf Course 11 miles from Conway on the Arkansas River and Wolf Mountain Golf Course in Poteau, Okla. Bunker Hill gets its name from a 1920s one-room country school house of the same name. The old school sets to the left of the 1st fairway and is being restored as a museum.

With a scheduled spring opening, Bun-

Greg Clark designing two tracks

ker Hill Golf Course will be a 6,600-yard, par-72 layout with a lot of water. Clark has incorporated views of the river with a gentle rolling terrain to create a short but testy venue. Tees and fairways will be a Bermudagrass, roughs will be fescue. Greens will average 5,000 square feet. Bunker Hill will be semi-private. A selection of riverview and golf course lots will be offered.

Wolf Mountain Golf Course is part of an 1,100-acre resort development set in the San Bois Mountains. Atop a mountain plateau, the development will have approximately 400 golf course and mountainview homesites, a resort/lodge with a conference center, tennis center, swimming pools, hiking and nature trails and equestrian center.

Clark believes this is the best piece of

raw land he has ever worked with. Mountain views, highlighted with a clear running stream, will make golfers feel as if they are playing in the Rocky Mountains, he said.

Wolf Mountain will be a 7,100-yard, par-72 layout. Each hole will have four large teeing areas and generous fairways. Because of the altitude and seasonal climatic conditions, Clark has chosen a Bermuda/ryegrass blend for tees and fairways. Bentgrass greens will average 6,000 square feet. The opening of this semi-private facility is scheduled for summer.

Phoenix firm offers internship

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Golf Engineering Associates (GEA), an irrigation design and consulting firm, has formed an internship program for college juniors and seniors majoring in agricultural or civil engineering, landscape architecture or turfgrass sciences.

GEA will offer a stipend in addition to fulfilling the requirements of any accredited school's formal internship program.

"Our company is very much involved with on-site field work, so any applicant we accept must be able to move from the drafting boards to the rigors of a construction site without hesitation," said Gary S. Kaye, founder of GEA.

"Being able to teach these specialized skills to students is really rewarding for us, and we are forming ties with the future professionals of the golf development industry."

Undergraduate students are encouraged to contact Marietta Del Bello at 602-863-7770.

Johnston goes to work easily

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Could any golf course architect be nearer to a project he's working on than Clyde Johnston at the Sea Pines Club Course here? At the most it is 800 yards from Johnston's office door to the par-3 11th hole of the private course. Close enough to wander over at lunch to check the progress of his renovation program of the venerable course.

Constructed in 1973, four years after its sister course, Harbour Town Golf Links, Sea Pines Club Course was the fourth and final course built at Sea Pines Plantation. The original design came from Frank Duane, with architectural consulting from Arnold Palmer.

Johnston's renovation of the Club Course will begin in the spring, concentrating on restoring the original quality of playing conditions of the championship layout, while modernizing the irrigation and drainage of the course.

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