

Highlands Ranch finally named

HIGHLANDS RANCH, Colo. — A name was finally picked for this area's newest upscale, 18-hole, daily-fee track. Tucked in the corner of Highlands Ranch, it will be called the Highlands Ranch Golf Club and is slated to open July 27.

Twelve holes are built on erstwhile farmland, treeless except

for the 1,000 recent plantings. But the Highline Canal loops through six holes, forming a wildlife corridor with huge cottonwoods.

The course will play approximately 7,100 yards from the back tees.

Other additions to the area golf scene this year include:

- A nine-hole, executive-length (par-31) facility near Centennial Airport. The Family Golf Super Center will include a double-deck driving range and a short-game practice facility. The track is now open.
- A double-deck driving range at the Kennedy Golf Course facility that is scheduled to open this month.
- Coyote Creek, an 18-hole links in Fort Lupton, opening this fall or next spring.
- Box Elder Creek, a nine-hole executive course about 10 miles east of Brighton, opening in August or September.
- Red Hawk Ridge, an 18-hole golf course facility in the town of Castle Rock that may open this



fall or next spring.

• A second nine at Centennial, an executive course that will be a par-63 for 18-holes. It is currently open.

• Springs Ranch, an 18-hole privately owned public course that opened last fall in Colorado Springs near Sky Sox Stadium.

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PGA to design Minn. kids track

BLAINE, Minn. — A capital projects bill recently passed in this state allotting \$3.1 million for the expansion of the National Sports Center in Blaine, including the addition of a 27-hole, daily-fee course aimed at young golfers.

The course will be built in two phases: Phase 1, which is slated to open in the spring of 2000, will include an 18-hole championship junior-events course designed with tee boxes scattered along the fairways to accommodate young players' abilities. In addition, a miniature putting area complete with bentgrass will be part of phase one.

Phase 2 will consist of a nine-hole track, a pitch-and-putt and an expanded driving range. It is expected to be completed in 2001 or 2002. The first phase will cost \$3.1 million. Additional funds will need to be raised to complete Phase 2, according to National Sports Center officials.

The PGA Tour will design the link at no charge.

Women, kids links slated for Virginia

RICHMOND, Va. — A group of golf and business leaders expect to get final permit approvals and begin breaking ground this month to build an 18-hole course geared toward kids, women, minorities and seniors.

The Foundation Course will be housed in Chesterfield County's Iron Bridge Park and will be a par-65 from its back tees. All the holes will be shorter than those on a typical course. The development will also include a driving range and clubhouse. Total costs are estimated at \$3 million.

The new facility is part of a national program called The First Tee, which works with local nonprofit affiliates to identify sites for construction.

The facility will be open to the public, but will be designed and marketed for youth. Seniors, women and minorities are also expected to be primary users.

The track is slated to open in June 1999.