

## Tee times at Ala. links by Thanksgiving Day

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The first 18 holes of Prattville's Robert Trent Jones-designed course should be playable by Thanksgiving. It is slated to be among the top layouts in the state's Robert Trent Jones Trail course network.

Grass will be planted for the upper 18 holes this month. The layout will have few trees and resemble courses in Scotland. The clubhouse will sit on the brow of the bluff in view of the two lower courses, the Alabama River and downtown Montgomery.

Near the clubhouse will be a circular practice fairway 400 yards in diameter with six tees.

The second and third links will be laid out more traditionally, with trees and water. Completion is slated for the fall of 1999.

City officials say enough land has been acquired to add an additional 18 holes, for a total of 72 holes, in the future.

## Nicklaus-designed track on schedule in Florida

NORTH NAPLES, Fla. — Construction is progressing on the first of two 18-hole championship courses designed by Jack Nicklaus and Jack Nicklaus II at TwinEagles Golf & Country Club here.

The father-and-son team have only three co-designs currently open for play with five, including TwinEagles, under construction.

The first course is being built along with the 1,114-acre community's entrance, roads, landscaping and infrastructure. Paragon Construction, a Nicklaus company located in North Palm Beach, is constructing the course, which is expected to be ready for play late next year.

TwinEagles will also be included in the Jack Nicklaus International Golf Club, which allows members to play as guests at more than 80 participating Nicklaus-designed courses around the world.

Golden Bear Club Services, a division of the Nicklaus organization, will manage the facility.

## Morrish, Olympus team up in Dallas

LEWISVILLE, Texas — Olympus Real Estate Corp., the Dallas-based property-investment firm, is building a 27-hole course and academy as part of a new 2,500-acre residential and commercial development.

The Castle Hills Golf Club & Academy, with the course designed by Jay Morrish, is scheduled to open in early 1999. The first phase will feature an 18-hole course and golf academy with three regulation-length holes.

An additional nine could be constructed at a later date.

Castle Hills, which will include single-family neighborhoods, commercial space and a conference center, is reportedly the largest such development started in Dallas' north suburbs since the 1980s.

## Georgia, Corps officials mull course for state park land

LINCOLN, Ga. — A long-range plan to transform Elijah Clark State Park into a vast golf resort with a hotel and water park is being evaluated by the Army Corps of Engineers and the state of Georgia, according to the *Augusta Chronicle*.

"We're not saying the project should or shouldn't be," said Bill York of YMS Consulting, a Marietta firm hired to study the idea. "We're saying we'd like to pursue it."

The \$25 million resort would encompass all of Elijah Clark's 447 acres, with 300 to 400 additional acres of lakefront Corps land and 150 to 250 acres of privately owned land.

The proposal, supported by Lincoln County's board of commissioners and chamber of commerce, includes a 36-hole course, marina, nature trails and wilderness areas, and a 300-room lodge/convention center. The hope is to convince the Corps and state park system to turn over lakefront land and Elijah Clark State Park to the Lincoln County Recreation Authority, which would manage the project.

Currently, the 447-acre Elijah Clark parcel is leased to the state of Georgia through mid-2016. Any transfer of the lease would require coordination with Georgia authorities.

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