

**W**ASHINGTON, D.C. — Kemper Sports Management has hired two-time U.S. Open Champion Ernie Els and architect J. Michael Poellot to design a course here.

"There are some great old courses in the D.C. area, like Congressional Country Club, which has a special place in my heart," said Els. "We want to offer that traditional, yet champi-

onship feel to the public golfer in this area."

The future Whiskey Creek Golf Club sits on gently rolling terrain framed by the Catoctin Mountains. Golfers will experience elevation changes, some open holes, tree-lined holes and a stretch of holes through

a pine forest.

The property also features many unique rock outcroppings and a 19th-century barn that will influence the strategy on the 18th hole. Whiskey Creek will be an upscale, daily-fee golf facility.

"Poellot brings an abundance of technical, aesthetic and golf

course design experience, and Ernie adds a special element of strategy and tradition," said Steve Lesnik, chief executive officer of Kemper Sports, which is developing Whiskey Creek Golf Course with Dunn/Goodwin Associates and will operate the course.

"The Whiskey Creek site offers a wonderful opportunity for a highly memorable round of golf due to the great diversity of its natural setting," said Poellot.

"We have placed great emphasis on routing an 18-hole golf experience that will bring into play virtually every aspect of this beautiful site. It's hard to believe our entrance is only two miles from Interstate 270."

## Els teams with Poellot on D.C. track

## Robinson design: More shoreline than any in world

**WINDSOR, Colo.** — Sitting "virtually on an island," the Ted Robinson-designed Pelican Lakes Golf Course will boast more shoreline than any other course in the world when it opens for play by mid-summer 1999, according to its developer, Trolco Inc., of Windsor.

The lakes, created from previously mined sand and gravel pits, surround the course while the river snakes through the middle.

Pelican Lakes, situated between Ft. Collins, Loveland and Greeley, can claim such a title thanks to the integration of the Cache La Poudre River in its layout as well as the inclusion of four mammoth lakes. Robinson incorporated water as a feature on 17 of the 18 holes. In fact, some holes of this par-72 course are lined on both sides by water.

Trolco spokesman Martin Lind said RBI Golf, Inc. will wrap up construction and seeding this fall.

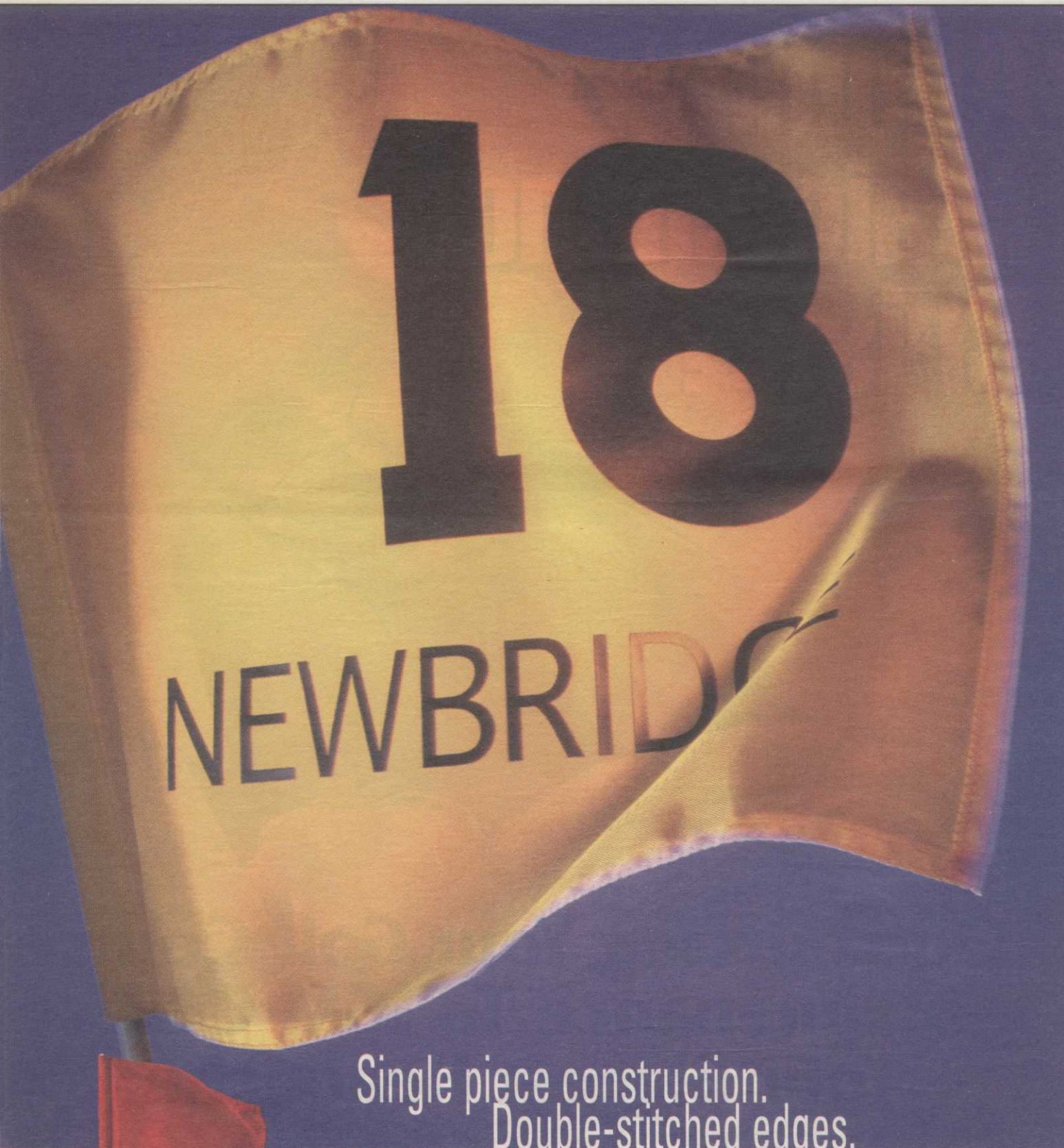
The property is also unique because the lakes of the Water Valley subdivision buffer it from residential development. Privately owned by Pelican lakes, LLC, the golf course will be semi-private. While the course will be open to the public, memberships also will be available.

## Nicklaus' Rocky Gap opens

**CUMBERLAND, Md.** — Rocky Gap Lodge & Golf Resort, located in the mountains of western Maryland, plans to open the first nine holes of its Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course later this year.

Overlooking Lake Habeeb, the 7,000-yard course ranges from gently rolling, relatively open fairways to rugged terrain surrounded by woods.

Natural rock formations dot the periphery of the course, and the landscape contains many springs and wetlands, each carefully preserved. Grass and foliage native to the region have been planted to maintain the course's harmony with its natural surroundings.



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