

Palmer Design inks Boston TPC, its 5th for PGA

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The PGA Tour has announced its newest Tournament Players Club project, the TPC of Boston at Great Woods. This selection brings the number of TPC courses designed by Palmer Course Design Co. to five.

Located in Norton, Mass., the new track is being developed in a joint venture including BankBoston in conjunction with the PGA Tour and is scheduled for a fall 2001 opening.

The PGA Tour's TPC network is dedicated to providing golfers with tournament-quality venues and the highest standards.

TPC at River's Bend in Cincinnati, Ohio, is also being designed by Palmer. River's Bend is being developed by the Hines & Griffith Development Co. and the PGA Tour, and is scheduled to open summer 2001.

The TPC of the Twin Cities, Deacon's

Walk Course in Blaine, Minn., is under construction and was designed by Palmer Course Design Co., with Tom Lehman as the Tour player consultant. The course is being developed by the Sienna Corp. with the PGA Tour, and is scheduled to open fall 2000.

The TPC at Lake Nona in Orlando, Fla., is a joint venture between the PGA Tour and Lake Nona Property Holdings, Inc. It is in the final design stages and will be one of three courses to open simultaneously at the facility in 2000, with the others being designed by Pete Dye and Tom Fazio.

The TPC at Piper Glen in Charlotte, N.C., is the first of these Palmer Course Design Co. TPC courses to open for play. Developed by the PGA Tour, it opened in August 1988 and has hosted a Senior PGA Tour event since 1990.

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Meanwhile, in San Antonio, Texas,

Palmer is designing an 18-hole public golf course at the 1,645-acre La Cantera development in Northwest San Antonio, according to officials with La Cantera Development Co., a subsidiary of USAA.

"We are very pleased to announce that Arnold Palmer's company, Palmer Course Design Co., is the designer of our new golf course," said General Robert T. Herres, chairman and chief executive officer of USAA. "His excellent reputation in the industry, along with his experience in developing high-quality golf courses, is a great match for La Cantera."

"The topography of La Cantera exhibits interesting characteristics that will make it both beautiful and unique," said Palmer. "Our plans are to transform a challenging tract of land into a spectacular championship golf course. Its natural beauty will be displayed through existing rock croppings, dry creeks, hills, and an abundance of incredible views of San

Antonio and the Texas Hill Country."

According to Herres, the course will heighten La Cantera's mix of projects and attractions, which includes Six Flags' Fiesta Texas theme park, the soon-to-open Westin La Cantera Resort, the Mira Vista luxury apartments, and the proposed Security Service Federal Credit Union headquarters.

The 250-acre, par-71 course measures approximately 7,000 yards and will include a clubhouse, driving range and 2.5-acre irrigation pond — and is projected to create approximately 60 new jobs.

Okema Valley plans preview at end of summer

OKEMA VALLEY, Vt. — Okemo Valley Golf Club, an 18-hole championship facility here, is scheduled to make its debut in the spring of 2000 — with a preview at the end of this summer.

"To develop this grand plan for the ultimate golf experience, we hand-picked a team of outstanding professionals to deliver the finest resort experience," said Tim Mueller, owner of Okemo Mountain Resort.

"Okemo Valley Golf Club is under the direction of Jim Remy, general manager/director of golf, who brings an extensive amount of experience, knowledge and expertise to his position. The course designer is Vermont golf architect Steve Durkee, who uses the best of Vermont natural elements to shape and design championship courses."

This estimated 6,700-yard, par-71 course will be home to the Okemo Valley Golf Academy, an 18-acre golf learning center—complete with indoor practice area.

Okemo Valley layout will feature bentgrass fairways, tees and greens and a variety of rolling hills, moderate elevation changes with a combination of lower valley and upper mountain meadowland nestled in the hills.

Large ponds, wetlands, the Black River and views of Okemo Mountain Resort and the Black River Valley add to the setting.

Okemo is also planning an expansion, called Jackson Gore, which will include a nine-hole executive golf course tailored for youths and beginners as well as facilities for mountain biking, swimming, tennis, a water park and resort hotel facility—all directly across from the Okemo Valley Golf Club.

Fought renovating Sunriver's Meadows

SUNRIVER, Ore. — Sunriver Resort's original golf course, the Meadows, will reopen on July 2, following a \$3.5 million renovation by course architect John Fought.

"This renovation was not merely a facelift," said Fought, former PGA Tour pro and 1977 U.S. Amateur champion. "The Meadows is a completely new golf course built within the general framework of the original course. Yet, it has the feel of a golf course that has been here for 70 years."

All greens were completely rebuilt during the 18-month project. Bunkers and tees were added or replaced, all fairways widened and selected holes strategically redesigned. The new Meadows will play in excess of 7,000 yards from the back tees, one of five sets of tees.

A number of holes will be memorable.

The par-3 16th hole has views of Mt. Bachelor directly behind the green. The final hole, a mid-length par-4, requires strategy and patience in negotiating a lake running along the left side.

One of the major goals of the project was to make the resort course more playable for a wide range of skill levels.

"The course will be challenging," said Fought, who along with Bob Cupp designed Sunriver Resort's award-winning Crosswater golf course, "but fair to players of varying abilities."

Sunriver Resort boasts 54 holes of golf, the Robert Trent Jones Jr.-designed Woodlands being the third layout. This year's Oregon Open will be held here June 29-July 1, followed by Shell's Wonderful World of Golf on Aug. 31 and the NCAA Division I Women's Fall Preview Tournament on Sept. 12-15.

Harvard University sets Design School schedule

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Throughout June, July and August, Harvard Design School will offer its annual Golf Course Design and Development Institute — a group of seven courses related to the planning and design of golf courses and resorts.

The courses are: Golf Course Development: Rounds, Rates, Revenues and Design (June 21-22); Golf Course Development: Design Foresight and Impacts on Cost and Operating Expense (June 23); Legal Issues for Golf Course Designers (June 18); Golf Course Environmental Considerations and Cost Effective Construction (June 24-25); Golf Course Design (June 16-17); Golf Clubhouse Design and Site Planning (June 13-15); and Golf/Residential Site Planning (June 26).

The courses may be taken in any combination for tuition discounts.

Instructors include golf-course designers Geoffrey S. Cornish and Robert Muir Graves; architects Kenneth DeMay and Richard Diedrich; designers and environmentalists William Burbank and Dr. Michael Hurzdan; golf development con-

sultant Barbara Hanley; attorneys Robin Baker and Craig Andersen; developer Tony Green; and golf course architect Bobby Weed.

Classes will take place in the school's Gund Hall, at 48 Quincy St., Cambridge. Fees range from \$215 to \$2,500. Interested people should contact the Office of External Relations, GSD, Harvard University, 48 Quincy St., Cambridge, Mass. 02138; telephone 617-495-1680.

MACCURRACH BUILDING JOHNSTON DESIGN

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. — MacCurrach Golf Construction has been awarded the construction contract for the Clyde Johnston-designed St. Johns Golf & Country Club, part of a golf community to be built on St. Joe Industries property near the intersection of I-95 and State Road 210 here. Christ Lepanto, former construction supervisor at Red Hawk Run in Findlay, Ohio, and currently at PGA at The Reserve in Port St. Lucie, will head up the project in St. Johns County. The developer of St. Johns Golf & Country Club is Arvida, now a St. Joe company.

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