

Car dealer trades dealership for golf

ATLANTA — Chuck Clancy has traded in his tax, tags and title for cart path only, please. That's what happens when one of Metro Atlanta's top car dealers sells his dealership after years of success and jumps into a new endeavor as a golf course developer. Construction is wrapping up at Clancy's first golf

course project, Creekside Golf & Country Club. Clancy's group, CC Golf, will also manage the daily-fee facility. A true shotmaker's layout, Creekside was designed by Richard Mandell and Robert Rauch of Whole In One Design Group. Located off Nebo Road in Paulding County, the course

uses four sets of tees, ranging from 5,400 to 6,750 yards long. The course has minimal forced carries, intent of providing friendly golfing opportunities for high-handicappers.

Shotmaking is a premium, yet Whole In One Design Group used hazards only to challenge, and not to punish poor shots.

"We routed the golf course and did minimal earthwork to accentuate small rolls and swales that characterize many of the fairways," said Mandell. "For example, on some holes playing safe may mean not having the best lie. The golfer must place a shot in specific areas to realize the full advantage of the chosen route."

Most golfers will have an easy time making par with ample landing areas, only 48 sand bunkers,

and very accessible putting greens for all talent levels.

The golf course finishes up with a downhill par-5 to an island green. The hole plays 500 yards. "The yardage makes that hole one of those where the golfer will be too tempted not to go for the green in two. It is that perfect yardage of what I call gray area of choice—its not a black or white decision," said Mandell.

Mike Westmoreland Contracting of Acworth is the general contractor. Creekside Golf & Country Club is slated for a March opening.

GCBAAs adds Christman to new board

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Members of the Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBAAs) have included a new director in their recently elected 1999-2000 board of directors. Steve Christman of Eagle Golf & Landscape Products, located in Brea, Calif., slid past several other candidates to gain that slot, and began his first term at the GCBAAs annual meeting in February. Newly elected directors serve a two-year term.

Directors re-elected to one-year terms were Larry Brown of Atlantic Golf Construction, Glenn Caverly of Golf Course Construction Inc., Doyle Jacklin of Jacklin Seed Co., Rick Lohman of The Toro Co., O'Brien McGarey of Dye Designs International, Rod McWhirter of Rain Bird, Joe Niebur of Niebur Golf, Gary Paumen of Ranger Construction Industries, Dale Siemens of Daylen, Inc., David Truttmann of Legacy by Hunter, and Gary Wieseler of Prince Contracting.

Board members continuing in the second year of a two-year term are Bill Kubly of Landscape Unlimited (GCBAAs president), Frank Hutchinson of Golf Works (GCBAAs vice president), Rick Elyea of Tee-2 Green (GCBAAs secretary), Christine Faulks of Greensmix (GCBAAs treasurer), Tom Sasser of Golf Development Consultants, Fidel Garcia of Ryangolf (a division of Ryan Inc. Eastern), David Ryan of Ryan Inc. Central, and Tom Shapland of Wadsworth Golf Construction.

DIABLO CREEK UPGRADED

CITY OF CONCORD, Calif. — Golf course builder Golf Dimensions has completed the renovation of the Diablo Creek Golf Course, a public daily-fee 18-hole course owned and operated by the city of Concord. The 35-year-old course was constructed in 1963 on land donated to the city by the U.S. Navy, adjacent to their Naval Weapons Station. The course was upgraded to an 18-hole golf course in 1964.

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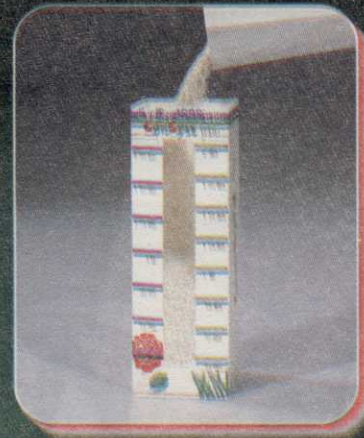
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