

Ore. resort course unveils three new tee complexes

WELCHES, Ore. — The Resort at The Mountain has officially opened three tees, built to create a balance between a challenging golf hole and respect for the natural environment.

These tees are located on the 7th hole of the Thistle Nine, in a beautiful wetland area that, until the floods of 1996, was a large

spring-fed pond.

With the guidance of the US Forest Service and Forest Service contractors, the tee boxes have been constructed from logs brought down by the floods/landslide of 1996. The tee surface is constructed of a man-made material. This process has and will continue to allow for

minimal effect to the natural habitat, while providing an interesting new challenge for the golfer.

"We hope that golfers will enjoy the changes to No. 7 Thistle, but we also hope to impact people with the fact that it is possible to successfully create a partnership between great golf and Mother

Nature," said golf course superintendent and project supervisor Tony Lasher.

These new tees are part of The Resort's five-year golf course remodel plan, which began in 1997. The plan includes creating four tee boxes for every hole, and is designed to make the Three Nines more versatile and enjoyable for golfers of all abilities.

Arizona facility finds new funding partner

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz.— Scottsdale's Grayhawk Golf Club has a new financial partner. Pacific Life, a leading financial institution, has purchased a majority interest in the club from international financier Sandy Chau. The club is now owned through a partnership between Pacific Life and Scottsdale-based Grayhawk Development.

The change in partners will have little impact on day-to-day club operations. The club continues in the hands of Tryhus and Del Cochran, Grayhawk's captain of the club.

Opened in 1994, Grayhawk is a 36-hole, daily-fee facility located within Scottsdale's 1,600-acre Grayhawk master-planned community.

Tenn. community considering new golf development

FAIRVIEW, Tenn.— The Planning Commission is considering whether to approve rezoning for the city's first signature golf course and some expensive homes.

Tennessee Development Partners is seeking the rezoning in order to build half-acre cluster lots, the golf course and a clubhouse on 608 acres. David Coulton is one of the developers.

Peter Jacobson would design the proposed \$9 million course.

If the planning commission approves the rezoning request, Houston-based Golf Services Group plans to start building the public course this fall.



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CORRECTION

KIAWAH ISLAND, S.C. — In a feature story on Ocean Course superintendent George Frye in September the reporter misidentified the architect of Kiawah Island Resort's Turtle Point design. Jack Nicklaus designed Turtle Point. Tom Fazio designed Kiawah's Osprey Point, while Pete Dye designed The Ocean Course, Gary Player did Cougar Point and Clyde Johnston was the architect for Oak Point.

