



A telling name for Ault/Clark's River Course of Pulaski County

PULASKI COUNTY, Va. — Boasting 2-1/2 miles of river frontage, natural rock outcroppings and cliffs, and a secluded setting, the 18-hole River Course of Pulaski County here is being readied for a spring opening.

Construction started on the course in

Ault/Clark designed River Course is expected to open this year

the spring of 1998, and the final nine holes are being grown in and groomed for play. Designed by Ault, Clark & Associates for Blue Ridge Golf Development, the new course has generated more than 100 membership sales prior to the first ball being struck. When completed, the facility will contain a full-size practice area, pitching and chipping green, practice putting green, and full-service clubhouse with pool.

Situated on 180 acres adjacent to the New River, the course is bisected by a 70-foot rock cliff. This created the opportunity to build two distinct but complimentary nine-hole loops, which start and finish adjacent to the club area. The linear nature of these two nines has allowed views of the river on 14 of 18 holes. Eight of these play directly along the river's edge.

Playing to more than 7,100 yards, the course has been designed "to challenge and excite all calibers of golfers."

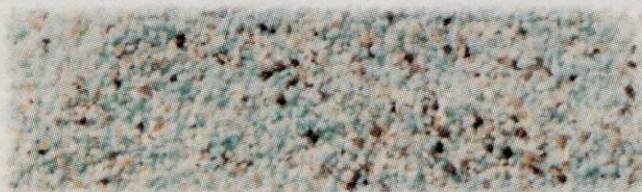
The front nine, nearly void of trees, has spacious rolling fairways, allowing wind conditions to add a necessary element of strategy to the course. A highlight of this nine will be the par-5 3rd hole. At 565 yards, this is the first hole of the round to be played along the river. Large bunkers define the route, with the approach being played into a well-guarded green.

The 5th hole, guarded by water and sand, and playing to a maximum length of 305 yards, will also provide excitement for daring long hitters.

With trees coming into play, the back nine will provide a varied but balanced experience to the front. Golfers will be enticed to carry water and sand to reach the green in two, on the short par-5 11th. However, the 150-yard par-3 14th is perhaps the essence of the course. The green has been pushed out into a bend in the river. The course's home hole is a stout 465-yard par-4 which finishes at a set of river rapids, and is also backdropped by a steep rock cliff.

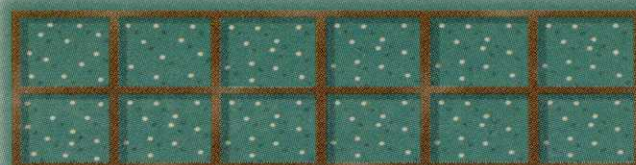
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