

## SunCor works with Audubon in Arizona

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Sanctuary Golf Course at Westworld, SunCor Resort and Golf Management's new 18-hole daily-fee facility here, opened to the public in November as the first Audubon International (AI) Signature course in the Valley of the Sun.

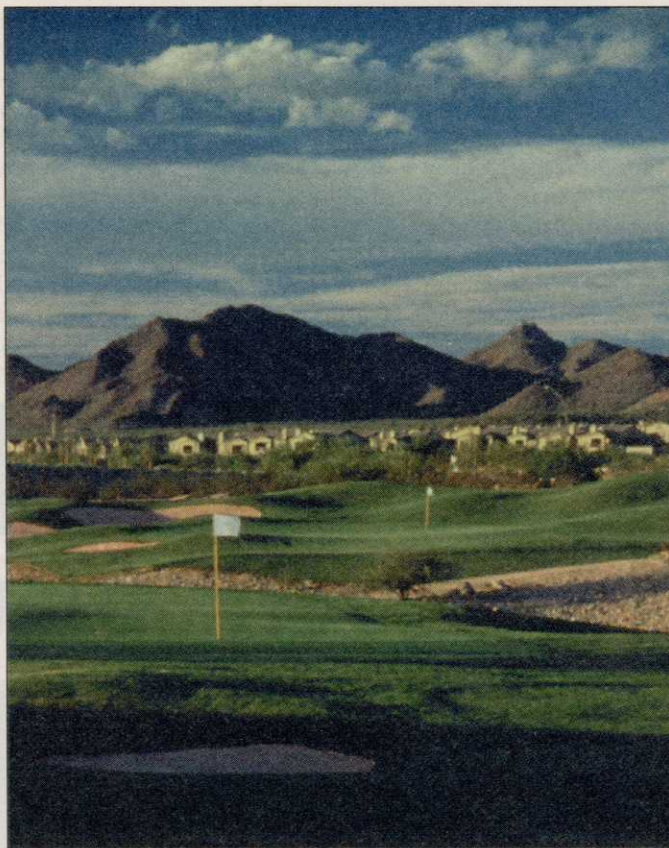
Tom Patrick, vice president of SunCor Resort and Golf Management, said: "We are extremely proud to be able to offer a golf course that provides so many opportunities. I don't think anyone who plays Sanctuary will leave disappointed because there's something here for everyone."

Sanctuary was built under the supervision and regulations of Audubon International, primarily within the city of Scottsdale and Bureau of Reclamation stormwater retention area.

To attain the certification as an Audubon Signature Property, the Audubon's requirements were incorporated into the earliest design phases of the development.

"Sanctuary has done an excellent job of integrating the golf course with the environment," said Dr. Bud Smart, director of AI's Department of Environmental Planning. "One feature the golf course has incorporated that is beneficial to the entire area is on-site re-charge wells that re-purify run-off water from the golf course and return it to the ground, replenishing the area's natural water source."

Randy Heckenkemper designed the 6,650-yard, par-71 course to take advantage of the land's natural topography and vegetation.



Sanctuary Golf Course at Westworld is close to a natural in the Valley of the Sun.

## Miller, Pascuzzo aim for Scottish recreation in Calif.

SAN RAMON, Calif. — Inspired by the links course at Royal Dornoch in Northern Scotland, the 18-hole Bridges Golf Club opened to the public here on Nov. 19.

Set amidst rolling terrain, sand and water, the course is a collaborative effort between Johnny Miller Design Ltd. and architectural firm Graves and Pascuzzo Ltd.

The openness and austerity of The Bridges Golf Club reflects the look of golf courses in Northern Scotland, with natural landforms and hillsides. More than 115 acres of native shrubs and bushes were planted to represent the abundant gorse surrounding the links at Royal Dornoch.

"While designing this course, I was directly influenced by things I saw in Scotland," said Damiam Pascuzzo. "I feel



The 17th hole at The Bridges at Gale Ranch in San Ramon, Calif.

golf should be more about adventure and challenges and I wanted to create a course different than anything else in the marketplace."

The Bridges features 150,000 square feet of sand and stacked face bunkers, and natural riparian channel that runs

through 16 of the 18 holes. The three-tiered 18th green is 16,000 square feet and can be played from multiple approaches.

The course plays to a par-73 from five sets of tee boxes and measures 7,100 yards from the tips.

## Rainville, Bye sign with San Clemente, begin Yucaipa

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif. — The city of San Clemente has selected Rainville & Bye Golf Course Architects to prepare a master plan for improvements to the 71-year-old San Clemente Municipal Golf Course.

According to Gary Bye, the first phase of renovation of the 6,447-yard, par-72 course is set to begin in mid-2000, with completion slated for December.

Situated on more than 125 acres, the renovation may include the repositioning of some tees and greens. In addition, the firm will redesign all of the greenside bunkers and several fairway bunkers. Rainville & Bye will also revamp the golf cart paths, add new plantings, upgrade

protective fencing and suggest drainage improvements that may be necessary.

"This project will be quite challenging due to the fact that the course — one of the busiest municipal tracks in the nation — will remain open during the entire design and construction phase," Bye said. "We will incorporate some unique design and construction features which will significantly add more interest without slowing down play. We look forward to making suggestions which will enhance this exceptional course, yet can be enjoyed by all levels of golfers."

Hosting between 110,000 and 120,000 rounds of golf each year, San Clemente Municipal Golf Course is one of the old-

est courses in Southern California. Its front nine was designed and built in 1928, with the back nine, designed by William Bell, added in 1955.

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Meanwhile, construction is underway on the 6,910-yard, 18-hole Yucaipa Valley Golf Club in Yucaipa, the first new course to be built in the East Valley area of San Bernardino County in more than 30 years.

The \$10 million public course is part of the Chapman Heights master-planned community being developed by Anaheim-based Communities Southwest. Situated on 160 acres, the 72-par layout will include four lakes, and a natural-turf driving range.

## Schmidt & Curley finish Skins course

INDIO, Calif. — Schmidt-Curley Design of Scottsdale, Ariz., putting the finishing touches on Landmark Golf Club here in time for "The Skins Game," which it will host for the next five years. The picturesque 36-hole facility opened for public play Nov. 1, with "The Skins Game" being held Thanksgiving weekend.

"The two courses will offer dramatic panoramic views of the Coachella Valley," said Lee Schmidt, a principal of Schmidt-Curley Design. "There is also over 100 feet of elevation change, which is very uncharacteristic of desert courses. Mesquite-covered dunes, barren foothills and plenty of rich-reward golf strategies will add beauty and excitement to the two courses."

Construction on other Schmidt-Curley courses is also progressing on schedule at the 36-hole home of the PGA in Beaumont; Sunrise Colony courses at both Las Vegas (Siena) and Houston (Royal Oaks with Fred Couples); Talega in San Clemente and Santa Fe Valley in Rancho Santa Fe, both with Fred Couples; and, Marriott's latest high-end facility in Palm Desert, with Nick Faldo.

Meanwhile, Schmidt-Curley Design is designing a course on the Las Vegas Strip. The Walters Group, developers and operators of five courses in Las Vegas, selected Schmidt-Curley Design for its latest high-end facility located between The Strip and Interstate 15 across the street from Mandalay Bay Resort.

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