

S.C. Granddaddy gets a facelift

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Pine Lakes International Country Club has gotten a new look. "The Granddaddy" began a renovation of the back nine holes of the course in the summer of 1998. The second stage of the renovations for 1999 began on May 26 and is now complete.

This year's renovations in-

cluded the 12th and 17th greens and the 13th fairway to create better drainage and visuals and to change the lay of the land. The par-5 12th green has been rebuilt and is closely guarded by a water hazard on the 12th green.

"In 1998, the renovations to the tee boxes began a series of changes to take place at various

stages. This second stage brings our course more up to date in terms of the latest architecture and a more competitive level," said Scott Miles, president of Pines Lakes. "Rich Robbins, our architect, is taking an old golf course that's been here since 1927 and making subtle changes, but at the same time really highlighting the course."

Designed by Robert White,

Pine Lakes International Country Club, Myrtle Beach's first golf resort, is still the epitome of traditional golf. The staff still dresses in traditional Scottish attire, mimosas are served on the 3rd hole on sultry summer days, and Lowcountry chowder is served on the 7th tee during the winter months. Pine Lakes, nicknamed "The Grand-daddy," is located on Business 17 North.

PALMER TO DESIGN SARASOTA LAYOUT

SARASOTA, Fla. — Palmer Course Design Company has been selected to design the private golf course in The Country Club at Lakewood Ranch. The new course will begin construction early this year.

Hills to spruce up Phoenix resort layout

PHOENIX — Camelback Golf Club at Marriott's Camelback Inn will be enhanced with a complete redesign of the Padre Course and practice range, along with an expanded clubhouse, pro shop and restaurant. The project is designed by Arthur Hills and Associates.

Separating itself from the traditional desert golf courses, the Padre Course will be a parkland setting. The course will be lengthened by 300 yards and three new lakes will be added to create an extra challenge. While some holes will maintain their current routing, others will be re-routed to increase the overall playability, competitiveness and appeal.

The new clubhouse will be expanded to nearly 36,000 square feet and will feature an executive board room and permanent outdoor pavilion.

Weitz moving dirt in Kansas

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — Weitz Golf International has begun construction on LionsGate here. The project includes an 18-hole course, 13,700-square-foot clubhouse, cart barn and other support facilities, and is scheduled for completion by April 2001.

Commented Jim Koepnick, president of Weitz Golf International: "It is especially gratifying that we were brought in during the early feasibility/development stage, and that we have been assigned the total project."

Weitz Golf International is a division of The Weitz Company, Inc., a construction company established in 1855. Weitz Golf International's offices are located in North Palm Beach, Fla., and Temecula, Calif.

JONES TANDEM AT WORK IN VEGAS

LAS VEGAS — Golf course designer Robert Trent Jones Jr., in collaboration with his father Robert Trent Jones Sr., is fine-tuning his latest project, Southern Highlands Golf Club, that opened here in December.

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