

## O'Meara's first signature course opens in Ontario

KING CITY, Ontario — ClubLink Corp. has opened the Mark O'Meara Course at Grandview Golf Club in Huntsville, Muskoka, signifying the worldwide debut of the 1998 PGA Tour player of the year as a signature designer.

The Mark O'Meara Course opened for play in May, 18

months after construction began adjacent to Delta Grandview Resort. Grandview is a ClubLink "premium member club," with access for resort guests of Delta Grandview and ClubLink's three other Delta Muskoka Resorts. ClubLink also operates Rocky Crest Golf Club and the Lake Joseph Club in Muskoka.

O'Meara received a number of design offers after winning The Masters and the British Open in 1998, but chose ClubLink and Muskoka for his first signature course.

"I was attracted by the high quality of ClubLink and its golf clubs," he said. "We also felt it was important that the first

O'Meara design be on a beautiful piece of property. The great beauty of Muskoka — the trees, the lakes, rock and golf — make it a true golf destination."

O'Meara worked with a Cleveland-based golf architect Brit Stenson, his design partner.

"Mark has exceeded our expectations," said ClubLink



Photo by Doug Ball

O'Meara teeing off at his new course president and CEO Bruce Simmonds. "The challenge was

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## Vandal to be extradited

TULSA, Okla. — Richard William Jones, charged with vandalizing Southern Hills Country Club two years ago, has been arrested and is being held in Arkansas as Oklahoma authorities plan for his extradition.

According to the *Arkansas Democrat-Gazette*, Jones was arrested June 9 in Holiday Island, Ark., where he was working at a golf course. He was a member of the grounds crew at Southern Hills, which recently held the U.S. Open, at the time of the 1999 vandalism that ruined eight greens on the championship course.

Jones, who reportedly did not get along with club general manager Nick Sidorakis and course superintendent John Szklinski, went on the lam soon after the vandalism occurred. Before landing in Arkansas, Jones also had lived in California and had traveled to Europe.

Oklahoma has 90 days to obtain extradition.

## CottonFields GC eliminates holes

LAVEEN, Ariz. — The daily-fee CottonFields Golf Club here is cutting itself in half. The 36-hole complex is trimming down to 18 holes. On the recovered real estate, builders plan to put up 450 houses.

The development team, headed by David Beckham and Lyon Golf's Mike Conner, worked in conjunction with CMX Design Group to select the 18 holes that will comprise a reconstituted course. No new holes will be built at CottonFields, currently closed to carry out the extensive renovations the changeover requires.

The renovation plan includes the construction of new cart paths, the planting of trees and desert plants throughout the property, and reconstruction of the course's irrigation system. The clubhouse also will be refurbished.

The original CottonFields club, designed by former PGA Tour player Dan Pohl, opened in 1993 as Pohl Cat Mountain View. It was purchased in 1998 by the current ownership team and renamed CottonFields. It's located just southwest of downtown Phoenix.

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