

## Niebur stays busy

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Trent Jones II at Chenal CC in Little Rock Ark. The course will open later this year.

- Three Crowns GC in Casper, Wyo. for British Petroleum. The 18-hole Robert Trent Jones II-designed course will be finished in fall 2003.

- A nine-hole addition to Boone CC in Boone, Iowa. Work was com-



Dyric Snyder and Joe Niebur of Niebur Golf.

pleted in September.

In addition to this work, Niebur

Golf also is starting on jobs in Lansing, Mich. and Beckett Golf Club in New Jersey. The firm will also be opening a satellite office in Scottsdale, Ariz., this fall that will be staffed by Kent Neville.

"We want to get closer to the action down there," said

Niebur. ■

— Andrew Overbeck

## GC at Westwood seeks rebirth

HOUSTON — The Golf Club at Westwood has hired architect Keith Foster to redesign and Landscapes Unlimited to construct the course's planned changes.

With construction expected to be completed in November 2003, the course hopes to undergo a rebirth of sorts. Head pro Scott Olsen promises a simple, clean and classic design

surrounded by 160 acres of natural, heavily vegetated parkland just minutes from downtown Houston.

Foster will redesign all 18 greens and tees, as well as hand-crafted bunkers in what the club said is reminiscent of early 20th century designs. The renovation also includes a new irrigation system and turfgrasses.

## Old Greenwood

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Mountain Resort.

The 6,740-yard, par-72 Old Greenwood course is being built on a 600-acre parcel of land that features tall mature white pine and ponderosa pine that are spaced throughout a rolling site that offers a very natural routing. While no figures are available, East West has said that expenditures on the course, clubhouse and infrastructure costs will be substantial.

With construction underway, the Truckee area is heading toward recognition as a mountain golf destination community. Old Greenwood will bring the number of courses in this town up to six. The move to build courses in this town, which is just 14 miles from Lake Tahoe, is driven by the environmentally sensitive nature of the Tahoe Basin. The area continues to draw visitors and residents to the numerous ski areas and mountain scenery, but building such an ambitious project within the Tahoe Basin would be impossible.

East West Partners came to the California mountains three years ago to access the development of Northstar at Tahoe, a ski resort situated on the ridge that divides Lake Tahoe from the Martis Valley.

"After our experiences in Colorado with Beaver Creek and Copper Mountain, we understand how important golf is to creating a desirable four-season resort. We could see the potential of Northstar and the surrounding area. Tahoe Mountain Resort will expand on the concepts we created in Colorado," said Roger Lessman of East West Partners.

The biggest difference the group has encountered in California is the strict environmental review process that is necessary to obtain approval for the golf course construction. This approval process brings local, state, and federal regulatory agencies into play. This process can take two years to clear, but this is an improvement from the late '80s, when the approval process could take up to eight years.

"We appreciate the interest to make these golf courses as environmentally sensitive as possible and are excited to finally begin the construction process," Lessman said. ■

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