

Deacon's Lodge Gears Toward June 18 Opening

Finishing Touches Being Put on New Arnold Palmer Course, Clubhouse in Breezy Point

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Another major golf course — Deacon's Lodge at Breezy Point — is nearing completion.

All signals are go for the June 18th opening of the fabulous Arnold Palmer course, named after his father and located on Weaver Point Road seven-tenths of a mile north of the entrance to Breezy Point Resort.

"Tee time requests for June 18 and other dates have been coming in regularly, and we're almost full for the first day," said Head Golf Professional Mark Neva. "Carpeting is being laid, the asphalt parking lot has been completed, the pro shop is being stocked, landscaping is nearing completion and the course is almost ready for play."

Deacon's Lodge, which utilizes five tees and plays anywhere from 6,964 yards from the blacks to 4,766 yards from the reds, is a golfer-friendly course with huge fairways, one as wide as 71 yards, that should keep the pace of play moving properly.

"But don't think it's just a walk in the park to play," said Neva. "It's attractive, it's varied and is an excellent test of golf."

Three lakes, gnarly waste bunkers, an attractive assortment of white Ohio sand bunkers, various wetlands,

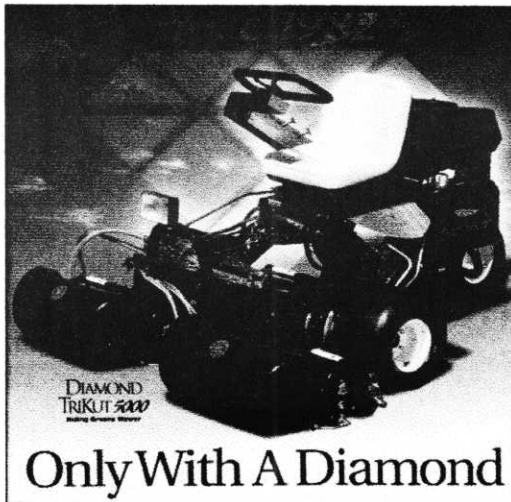
challenging greens and a pleasant assortment of white and Norway pines, birches and oaks lining the fairways make Deacon's Lodge visually interesting as well as challenging. Because of the design, players should have the same feel for each hole with proportional challenges emanating from virtually every tee.

"No matter what their handicap, golfers should plot their way around any course, but particularly at Deacon's Lodge because of its design," said Neva. "They also should enjoy the fact that several of the greens have up to 20 feet of bent grass fringes, occasionally allowing some putting on approach shots."

Cart paths parallel all fairways, some of which have crowns that periodically will enhance driving distance.

Each hole has its own character, but among unusual ones are the opening par 4 with its horseshoe-shaped tee box and its mirror image, the 10th; the par 3 seventh, with two greens separated by a pair of Norway pines, the 15th with its gigantic waste bunker and the scenic par 3 17th, going over marshland with an attractive lake in the background.

(Editor's Note: A more in-depth article about the development of Deacon's Lodge will appear in the July issue of Hole Notes.)



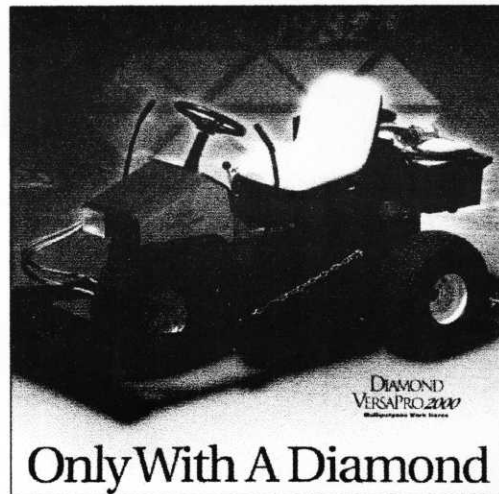
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