

On Course

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OLIVAS LINKS OPENS: MARKING A NEW ERA FOR PUBLIC GOLF IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Hole No. 17 at Olivas Links is a short par-3 to a deep green. (Below) Olivas is dotted with native ground and a touch of coastal dunes grasses.

On May 1st Ventura, California celebrated the re-birth of Olivas Park Golf Course, now known as Olivas Links — 6,800-yards, par-72.

“The old course had simply outlived the needs of golfers,” notes Forrest Richardson. “Together with the City and Evergreen Alliance, we sought approval for a complete transformation of what had become a tired course from virtually every perspective.”

Indeed, plans for the new course involved razing the old clubhouse and locating a new clubhouse on the far side of the site. Following lengthy approvals, Wadsworth Golf Construction began work in 2006.



“It was a labor of love for all involved. We set out to create a municipal course that everyone could play, yet one with a natural edge as if it had been there for ages.”

QUICK NEWS

PEACOCK GAP BEGINS TOTAL REBUILD

Located just a few miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge, this 1962 layout by Wm. F. Bell is undergoing a new renaissance. The “new” course will open in late 2007.

WAILEA OLD BLUE BEGINS MASTER PLAN PROCESS

Maui’s favorite course is now fully separate from Wailea’s modern courses. Old Blue was designed by Jack Snyder in the 1960s—plans call for a return to the Hawaiian grace and charm that Snyder so carefully created in the shaping, features and landscape.

PINE MEADOWS WORK BEGINS

Located at 6,500 ft. in Overgaard, Arizona, this classic 9-hole course is embarking on a major golf and real estate plan.

Eleven new holes will eventually join the original course (to become seven) for an exciting routing among ponderosa forests and high country meadows.



MASTER PLAN for UTAH’S BEAR LAKE

The conceptual plan for Beach Town will feature an 18-hole and 9-hole Niblick Course; and an extensive recreation greenbelt surrounded by a narrow gauge railroad.

Forrest Richardson hikes the new back nine at Pine Meadows—a journey through forests, ravines and rock outcrops.



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