

## Improvements being made at golf course are in full swing

By November, the grand plan at Prestonwood Country Club will be complete, with three 18 hole golf courses available for play.

With nine holes closed for renovation, and nine new holes under construction, members have been travelling a maze-like path around the club playing two 18 hole courses.

By the fall, each of the three courses at Prestonwood, The Fairways, The Highlands and The Meadows will be complete courses, bringing the number of holes at the club to 54.

The Fairways opened with nine holes in August 1988, followed by the first nine holes of The Highlands in November of 1988, and the first nine holes of The Meadows in August 1990.

Don Thomas, general manager, says the eight new holes under construction on the far northwest section of the club's property will be unlike the any of the other golf holes at the country club. "They'll be more like coastal golf holes," said Thomas. "With marsh and a creek running through most of the holes they'll be unlike any we have here."

Eight of the new holes, will be connected to The Meadows course, while a new par three is being added between the first and second holes on The Fairways to round out that course.

Vance Heafner, director of golf at Prestonwood, is excited about the eight new holes being added to The Meadows. "It'll be one of the better courses in the Triangle area," said

Heafner.

The architect of the new holes, Tom Jackson of Greenville, S.C. has 93 courses to his credit, with one course recently rated by Sports Illustrated magazine as the fourth most scenic in America. The Cliffs of Glassy located outside of Greenville, S.C. was ranked just behind Augusta National in scenic appeal.

The new eight holes are located in a flood plain area and will cover 6.5 acres of wetlands. With a creek that comes into play on nearly every hole, and with marshy areas bordering the fairways the lay out will have a challenging, coastal feel, said Thomas.

A new halfway house is planned for the new back nine of The Meadows, including a cart shed which will allow players to start on the 10th tee during busy times. Players will access the halfway house via the Morrisville Parkway on a road the club will build.

The planned halfway house on The Meadows, and one set for construction on The Highlands course as well, will allow for starting times at five different points at Prestonwood instead of the three starting tees available now.

Jeff Guman, golf professional at Prestonwood said most members want early morning starting times on week-ends and the new halfway houses will give his golf staff the ability to get more players on the golf courses faster.

Construction of both halfway houses will be done once sewer service is available.

Price tag on the course construc-



**UNDER CONSTRUCTION**—Jeff Guman, golf professional at Prestonwood, stands atop a small mountain of dirt which over-

looks portions of eight new golf holes being built now off the Morrisville Parkway. They're planned to open in November.

tion and renovation is \$2.5 million said Thomas.

The nine holes under renovation on The Highlands will re-open in August. Being the second set of nine holes opened at Prestonwood, the familiar stretch of holes will present players with new twists.

The seventh hole, a par three, has been renovated and the green is now an island green with a wood bridge accessing it. "It will be the signature hole out here," said Guman.

The ditch which ran the length of the left side of #16 has been piped

and filled, and the green has been moved to the left. On #15 the tee has been moved across the dam where there once was a gully, and the fairway has been lowered some six feet. Thomas said the changes

were done to take houses bordering the hole out of play. The cart path now goes up the left side of the hole instead of the right.

The green on #14 has been re-done, and the fairway on #13 has been moved to the left, and lowered four feet to meet spillway requirements by Wake County for the water control lake left of the hole.

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\$1.50 for residents and \$3.00 for non-residents. That's an increase from 50 cents for residents and \$1.50 for non-residents.

For residents, six-month passes are \$65 for individuals, \$98 for a family of two, \$124 for a family of three, and \$146 for a family of four or more. Passes are double those amounts for non-residents.

For non-residents, six-month passes are \$130 for individuals, \$196 for a family of two, \$248 for a family of three, and \$292 for a family of four or more.

Annual passes offer great savings. For residents, annual passes are \$100 for individuals, \$150 for a family of two, \$190 for a family of three and \$225 for a family of four or more. Non-resident annual passes are double those amounts.

Swimming pool passes for a 16-week season are \$45 for individual residents, \$60 for a family of two, \$67 for a family of three and \$75 for a family of four or more. Non-

resident swimming passes are double those amounts.

The Community Center is open for general use Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m.

## Shiloh Park lights up

Folks can now play softball and baseball at night, pitch horseshoes and enjoy new playground equipment at Shiloh Park in Morrisville.

The lights at the adult softball and little league baseball field were installed in April at a cost of \$32,500, with the county picking up \$15,000 of the tab and the town the remainder.

Alan Carroll, director of the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department, said the five light towers and night play will make broader participation possible for both adults and youngsters.

Shiloh, with a 150-foot field, is the second park to get lights. Morrisville Elementary School, which has a 300-foot field, added lights 18 months ago.

For aficionados of horseshoes, Shiloh now offers six regulation horseshoe pits. Residents can check out horseshoes at the Luther Green Center during lunch Monday through Friday and on Wednesday afternoons. The pits also will be the site of league and tournament play.

Playground equipment also has been added at the park, including a deep rung arch climber, a steering wheel on a platform, horizontal

loop ladder, spiral climber, crawl tube and three slides. The equipment is made of galvanized pipe and painted blue, yellow and tan.

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## Preston courts to open June 3

The opening of three new all weather courts at Prestonwood Country Club in June will allow for year round tennis play by members, according to general manager Don Thomas.

The new courts are slated for play June 3, bringing the total of courts at Prestonwood to nine. The new courts and lights, cost \$40,000 each to build. Their padded, asphalt surface is suited to year round play because they don't freeze or pose other maintenance problems.

The club's other six courts have composition surfaces and can be made unplayable by wet or freezing weather. "There are so many days in the winter that it'll freeze at night, but get up into the 40's during the day - and tennis being such an active sport - people want to play," said Thomas. The new courts will provide that opportunity as well as be the spot where tennis lessons are given.

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