

## *Essex Course Developers Hope to Tee Off in 2002*

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By this time next year, developers of a residential/recreation complex on the northern edge of Essex hope to be playing golf around newly constructed homes.

High Point Estates, a 130 acre development which is within the Essex village limits and the Reed-Custer (Braidwood) School District, is beginning to take shape. The development will include a nine-hole championship caliber golf course and 79 residential lots of approximately ½ acre apiece.

Immediate plans include the start on construction of two speculative homes this fall. Lots range from the mid \$30,000 to \$45,000 will also go on the market soon. The development is unique in that its among the few residential/golf course combinations in this part of the state, says Mike Piper, one of the four investors. All but 12 of the 79 lots will be adjacent to the golf course, and around 30 percent of the lots are wooded.

The development will feature paved streets, curbing and storm sewers. Three interconnected ponds are now being used to irrigate the course which was seeded in late August.

The firm of Lane & Leason, In., out of El Paso, Illinois has been contracted to maintain the grounds of the 3,200-yard golf course.

Each of the course's nine holes will feature three tee boxes: a championship tee, a ladies' tee and an elongated tee. "This will provide a different perspective to the golfer who wants to play 18 holes," said Piper who expects the course to be a challenging one for local golf enthusiasts.

The course, when completed, will be open to the public. The course is expected to be open in late summer of 2002.

Plans also call for construction of a clubhouse on the west end of the course. Developers hope to build the clubhouse during the 2003 season.

## *Golfers to tee off Monday at Essex*

The first round of golf on the newly developed High Point Golf Club on the northern edge of Essex is scheduled to tee off Monday morning.

The nine hole championship caliber golf course, which will be open to the public next week, will offer

men's and ladies' leagues, permanent tee times, corporate leagues, golf outings and memberships.

The course is part of a 130 acre development which also includes 79 residential lots.