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Nine of new course's holes almost ready

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The first rounds of golf on Reno County's newest course, Cottonwood Hills Golf Club, could be played in about three and a half weeks.

Play will be by invitation only. Prospective lot buyers in the planned community east of Hutchinson will be among those teeing up.

Investors and people who have expressed "such interest that they can't wait to get out and play" will be invited, said Brad Neville, on-site project overseer.

His brother, Lane Neville of Arizona, is president of Cottonwood Hills.

"Every blade of grass has either been sodded or planted," Brad Neville said, for nine holes at the future 18-hole course designed by professional golfer Nick Faldo.

Play will be restricted to those holes, to be played in this sequence: 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 2, 3 and 4.

On Tuesday, maintenance workers were experiencing a catch-22: Tee tops were too soft to support mowers, but the grass was growing.

When golfers take to the links, motorists on Buhler Road should be able to spot them.

The completed holes are on the west side of the course.

Of the remaining holes to be developed for play in 2006, seven still must be equipped for drainage and irrigation, and all nine must be seeded and sodded.

Developers are aiming at a grand opening in May 2006. The course will be open to the public.

When Cottonwood Hills LLC purchased nearly 600 acres on the northeast corner of East 4th and Buhler Road in 2003, it projected the course would open in September 2004, with a grand opening in September 2005.

Planning and development have taken longer than expected, but Reno County commissioners are slated to vote Oct. 19 on a petition to create the Cottonwood Hills Sewer District and on a separate resolution pertaining to zoning in the subdivision.

Lots cannot be sold until after the final plat is recorded.

The project will be done in phases, but Neville noted that interest in buying the larger, custom-home lots was greater than expected.

"I think he thinks he's probably where he wants to be, or maybe a little bit better," Neville said, referring to his brother.

Efforts to reach Lane Neville were unsuccessful.

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