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FERNANDINA BEACH, Fla. — Burns Golf Design has signed to design the golf course for Club de Golf Malinalco, located south of Mexico City.

The project will be an upscale weekend home community for residents of Mexico City. The course, which should begin construction late this summer, is intended to be the best in Mexico. Other amenities will include a large tennis complex and a 60,000-square-foot clubhouse.

The par-72 golf course will be challenging, but playable for all levels of golfers.

It will have several sets of tees ranging from approximately 5,000 to 7,000 yards, but will play shorter due to the property’s 6,500-foot elevation.

The course, located in a scenic valley, surrounded by mountains, has roughly 180 feet of elevation change, and will be built to take advantage of the terrain.

Water, including several waterfalls, will come into play on eight holes, but the average golfer will be confronted by few, if any, forced water carries.

Burns Golf Design is also working on a municipal course in Ohio and a state park course in Georgia. Plans have been completed for both projects, and they await construction.

Pete Dye’s two Blackwolf Run courses open

KOHLER, Wis. — Blackwolf Run’s two Pete Dye-designed 18-hole golf courses, the River and Meadow Valley courses, are open.

Course officials tried to jump the official April 19 opening day by a week, but Mother Nature was too strong a player in the form of a sudden snowstorm.

One golfer managed three holes. A twosome was booked the next day.

This year will mark Blackwolf Run’s first full season offering 36 holes of golf. Introduction of a fourth nine and the restructuring of play into two 18-hole courses occurred at mid-season in 1990.

A major improvement to Blackwolf Run for this year is installation of “Golf Central,” a state-of-the-art computer reservation system.

Blackwolf Run is believed the first facility in the Midwest to install the system originally developed for Pebble Beach in Monterey, Calif.

Golf Central will speed the reservation process by allowing faster searches of available tee times.