WELLINGTON, Fla. — American Golf Corp. (AGC) has added Binks Forest Country Club here to its country club portfolio.

“We are thrilled to have acquired this fabulous course and look forward to maintaining the tradition for superior services and facilities that have made Binks Forest one of southern Florida's premier golf properties,” said Joe Guerra, AGC executive vice president of acquisitions.

Binks Forest boasts a Johnny Miller-designed Carolina Northern-style course carved out of a mature pine forest — uncharacteristic of Florida courses. Measuring 7,065 yards from the back tees with a par of 72, its course rating of 75 and slope of 138 make it one of the most challenging courses in Palm Beach County. Rolling terrain, heavily tree-lined fairways and a course layout reminiscent of Spyglass Hill at Pebble Beach — where Miller played numerous rounds as a youth — make it one of the most scenic as well.

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AGC opens fully automated range

CARSON, Calif. — American Golf Corp. opened what it believes is the country’s first fully automated practice range in late September.

The Dominguez Golf Course & Practice Center here was developed through a partnership between AGC and Kurihara America. The $2 million system features a two-tier, 91-station practice range.

Each station is equipped with its own ball-delivery unit, which the golfer activates with a debit card similar to those used at automated teller machines.

Once the card is inserted, the tee lowers and then reappears with a ball at the proper height. When sensors indicate the ball is no longer on the tee, the tee automatically lowers and the process repeated until the machine has delivered the number of balls purchased.

The grand reopening of the Dominguez complex was held Sept. 17. Proceeds from that day’s range-ball sales were donated to the Boys and Girls Club of Carson and the Western States Golf Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing minority youth participation in golf.