DPC definitely Major League
Mgt. firm uses pro athletes to market facilities

By Peter Blais

ORLANDO, Fla. — Diamond Players Club (DPC), a new golf management company headed by St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Todd Stottlemyre with the assistance of numerous professional athletes, will build a course at the Levitt Corp.'s Skytop Development at Clermont, Fla.

Construction of the course, Diamond Players Club at Orlando, will begin this summer. The facility is expected to open in the fall of 1999. The club will be semiprivate, with about 180 members, and be open to public play.

DPC will own the new Orlando course, which will be designed by golf architect Terrell LaGree, modifying an original plan of Lloyd Clifton. LaGree is vice president of Barbaron Inc., which will perform the construction.

The 175-acre course has elevation changes of as much as 200 feet. A practice complex, three-acre putting course and golf academy are also planned. The entire 500-acre Skytop site will also contain an 800-home development.

The project brings together one of the leading names in home building and one of the newest companies in golf management. Levitt Corp. was founded in 1929 by the late Abraham Levitt. Diamond Players Club — which also manages Donald Ross-designed Brevellie Biltmore Golf Club in Belleair, and has other construction, lease and management projects under development — was founded in 1997 by Stottlemyre and Greg Gagliardi, twice voted the West Central Florida Chapter PGA Professional of the Year and longtime general manager of Lansbrook Golf Club in Palm Harbor. Stottlemyre is chief executive officer and Gagliardi is chief operating officer.

Dunedin Selects IGM

LAVEEN, Ariz. — Mountain View Golf Club has named Kurt Krause its new Director of Golf Operations for the 36-hole golf facility located west of downtown Phoenix in Laveen, Ariz. As director of golf operations, Krause will oversee all activities at the course including golf, food and beverage, retail and course maintenance.

Peter Mozer joins FMAC

LOS ANGELES—FMAC has fired Peter Mozer as executive vice president and chief credit officer. Mozer plans to reorganize the FMAC credit department by integrating the credit, compliance and workout disciplines. Mozer will be responsible for overseeing the credit function for all FMAC product areas including the restaurant, energy, golf, funeral and equipment finance groups.

Wilson Adds Minn. Property

The Wilson Golf Group, a White Bear Lake, Minn.-based golf course ownership and operations company, has named Greg Stand director of acquisitions. Stand also is the general manager of one of the Wilson Golf Group's golf course properties, Oak Glen, a 27-hole public facility in Stillwater, Minn. The Wilson Golf Group owns and operates six golf facilities including four in Minnesota and two in Colorado. The group is actively seeking to acquire additional golf facilities in the upper Midwest region of the country. For further information, call 612-439-6981.

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