SunCor begins construction on environmentally friendly layout

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — SunCor Resort and Golf Management, along with Capital Realty Corp., has begun construction of The Sanctuary Golf Course at WestWorld.

The course will work closely with Audubon International to build the 18-hole championship facility, providing the area with a form of wildlife "sanctuary."

The Sanctuary course will be built under the supervision and regulations of Audubon International, primarily within the city of Scottsdale and Bureau of Reclamation storm water retention area, located next to WestWorld, an equestrian center and special events facility.

"The Sanctuary is dedicated to providing an exceptional experience for golfers as well as supporting and maintaining a healthy, thriving environment," said Tom Patrick, vice president of SunCor Resort and Golf Management. "By applying the Audubon requirements to The Sanctuary, it will not only improve the environment and the condition of the course, but it will provide golfers with a very unique golf experience. It is our goal to have The Sanctuary be the first Audubon Signature course in the state."

To attain the coveted Audubon Signature Status, the Audubon requirements must be incorporated into the earliest design phases of the course development to manage issues such as wildlife habitat enhancement, water quality management and conservation, waste reduction and management and pest control.

"It's a wonderful idea for golf courses to work with the natural environment instead of against it," said Dave Harris, adjunct faculty for Audubon International. "Some of the species The Sanctuary course hopes to reintroduce and support on and around its course are an entire family of native plants and birds. I think the willow, mesquite, reeds and cottonwoods, which were originally a part of the area's natural landscaping, will really beautify the course and set it apart from others in the area."

Golf course architect Randy Heckenkemper designed the 6,900-yard, par-71 course to have an ecosensitive layout which will take advantage of the land's natural terrain and vegetation. When complete, the course will feature 80 acres of turf, 55 sand bunkers and one large water feature complete with two multi-tiered waterfalls.

Chang, Hoffman among new NGF directors

JUPITER, Fla. — Dominic Chang, chairman of the board and chief executive officer (CEO) of Family Golf Center, Inc., and Michael Hoffman, vice president and general manager of The Toro Company's commercial division, have been elected to the National Golf Foundation's board of directors.

The action came at the board's January 30 meeting in Orlando.

The remaining NGF board of directors for 1999 are:

- Robert L. Maxon, NGF Chairman and Senior Vice President/Group Publisher, Golf Digest—The Golf Company.
- Joe Barrow, NGF Vice Chairman and President and Chief Operating Officer (CEO), Izzo Systems, Inc.
- Cindy Davis, NGF Secretary/Treasurer and President & CEO, The Arnold Palmer Golf Co.
- Joseph F. Beditz, NGF President and CEO.
- Ed Abran, Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing, Titleist and FootJoy Worldwide.
- Scott Creelman, Executive Vice President, Spalding Sports Worldwide.
- George Peper, Editor-in-Chief, GOLF Magazine.
- Bob Rief, Assistant to the President, Callaway Golf Co.
- James Ritts, Commissioner, LPGA.
- Allan Solheim, Executive Vice President, Karsten Manufacturing Corp.
- Grant Speth, Vice President, CBS SportsLine.
- Edwin Watts, President, Edwin Watts Golf Shops, Inc.
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