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BRADENTON, Fla. — Work is underway and a January opening planned at Waterlefe Golf & River Club near Bradenton. “Nine of the greens are already sprigged and sodded,” Director of Sales Rob King said. Plans at Waterlefe include a championship golf course, fitness center, pool and nature trails that wind through the course and along the river. The Ted McAnlis-designed, 18-hole championship course, which includes practice greens and driving range, will be semi-private.

ALPHARETTA, Ga. — Bergin Golf Designs has two projects scheduled for construction starts this fall. They are The Golf Club of Alpharetta, in Alpharetta, Ga., and Woodfin Golf Club, on Lake Bowen, north of Spartanburg, S.C. Bergin has also been selected to design the total renovation of The Sportsman of Perdido, former home of the PGA Tour’s Pensacola Open.

AURORA, Colo. — The city of Aurora has completed Murphy Creek Golf Course. Located east of Gun Club road, the Ken Kavanaugh-designed course was completed in September by RBI Golf of Littleton. A late-spring 2000 opening is expected.

Griffiths designs new 36 at St. Andrews

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ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Developers held a groundbreaking ceremony here Oct. 13 for a new 36-hole golf facility and associated residential development located just two miles east of the most famous golf course in the world. Developers Don Panoz of Savannah, Ga., and Pine Barrens Golf Club in Jackson, N.J. “Our goal is to add to the growing list of premier golf destinations not only recognized within the state, but also nationally,” said Bergstol.

“My goal is for Pine Hill to reflect the natural beauty of its setting,” said Fazio. “This course will make optimum use of the existing property and will offer golfers of all skill levels a course that is fun, yet challenging.”

Routing plans have not been finalized, although Griffiths said he is working with Scottish golfer Sam Torrance on the first 18 holes. The project is targeted for a 2001 completion date. "The town of St. Andrews is the backdrop for many of the holes," Griffiths said. "It’s just a spectacular piece of property."