

New 27-hole course planned for Central Maine area

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AUBURN, Maine — Plans are in the works for a 27-hole, dailyfee links-style course and practice facility on a 215 acres of rolling farmland here.

Freeport developer Lenny Mishral, who operates the golf course construction firm Horizon Golf, hopes to begin con-

Griffin donates \$250,000 to GCSAA Foundation

VALDOSTA, Ga. — Griffin L.L.C. has announced the contribution of \$250,000 to the GCSAA Foundation, in support of the Foundation's current campaign, Investing in the Beauty of Golf.

The GCSAA confirmed that Griffin is the first specialty chemical company to pledge an award at this dollar level, and become a member of the Old Tom Morris Society, representing the highest of all contribution levels.

The GCSAA Foundation's board of trustees will oversee disbursement of the funds through its Professional Development Initiative (PDI) geared to increase superintendents' knowledge and skills for turfgrass management and maintaining optimum playing conditions.

The \$250,000 represents the minimum pledge made by Griffin based on product sales. The final contribution will be based on a percentage of sales from Junction and Pentathlon DF fungicides, and Pyroette insecticide over the next five years. The final amount could increase the pledge amount if total dollar volumes on these Griffin products exceed the threshold level established by Griffin and GCSAA.

Griffin, a customer-based supplier of agricultural and specialty chemicals, was founded in 1935. It is a joint venture company representing an equal partnership between Griffin Corp. and DuPont.

Griffin is planning for and experiencing rapid growth within all market segments and is particularly committed to market diversification, especially within its newest group, Specialty Products.

Headed by Global Business Director Owen Towne, Griffin is dedicating dollars and staffing resources to become one of the leading chemical suppliers to Turf, Nursery, and Ornamental Professionals. "Griffin is pleased to be in a position to support the GCSAA Foundation's program and the wonderful contributions it has made to the game of golf," said Towne. struction of Fox Ridge Golf Course this spring and have 18 holes ready for play by summer 2001. He expects green fees to be roughly \$30.

Mishral designed the course and is one of the partners. Former Sugarloaf Golf Course superintendent Ed Michaud and Lewiston/Auburn banker Arnie Roy are also involved. "They're looking for an upscale, dailyfee course up that way," Mishral said. Mishral's con-

struction firm is also

involved with the re-

design and nine-hole addition underway at Sebasco

Estates Golf Course in

Phippsburg near Bath. Developer Bob Smith hopes to complete seeding this fall on six new holes that will be incorporated with three of the existing holes to make a new, nine-hole layout. Plans are in the

works to build another nine

holes. Michael Zikorus is the course architect.

Horizon also built 12 new holes at Boothbay Country Club, which will double from a nine-hole to an 18-hole layout this spring. Mishral and owner Jeff Harris co-designed the new holes.

Mishral also rebuilt the 18th hole at Northeast Harbor Golf Club last summer and began renovations to the par-4 16th hole in October.



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