

ING CITY, Ontario, Canada—ClubLink Corporation has entered an agreement to purchase all the assets of Greenhills Golf & Country Club in London, Ontario, from the Simpson family and related corporations. The transaction is dependent on certain third-party conditions.

Greenhills features an 18-hole course that winds through mature forest and valley lands on

ClubLink enters London, Ontario golf market

London's southwestern perimeter. The club also includes a clubhouse with banquet seating for 200, a nine-hole academy course, the Greenhills Golf Dome for indoor practice, a pool, eight indoor tennis courts and five outdoor clay courts. The tennis facilities will be leased back to the Simpson family.

"We are pleased to make our

initial acquisition in London, a strong financial and manufacturing center for economically vibrant Southwestern Ontario," said Bruce Simmonds, president and chief executive officer of ClubLink.

"By way of its proximity to the western edge of the Greater Toronto Area, London represents a natural extension of ClubLink's clustering concept."

London is less than one hour from ClubLink's Heron Point Golf Links, on the western periphery of the Greater Toronto Area where the majority of ClubLink's other golf course are located.

As part of the agreement, Sonar Corporation will provide marketing and consulting services to ClubLink. The principals of Sonar are Don Simpson and his sons David and Craig. David was president of Greenhills and Craig was a standout with the NHL's Edmonton Oilers.

Sonar will continue to own and operate 18-hole daily-fee Bear Creek Golf & Country Club in nearby Strathroy.

Scholarship tour

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golf courses in spring 1999. Rain Bird International will sponsor the scholarship during its first year.

"I consider this journey to be one of the most educational and beneficial experiences of my life. Having seen all these extraordinary and beautiful places, and being guided by wonderful and knowledgeable people, I soon decided that I would like to share this experience and enable future students to follow in my footsteps," said Schrickel.

"Traveling and studying the world's finest golf courses is a valuable experience and compliments a thorough education."

However, the program will not be an extended vacation, according to Schrickel. "Successful candidates will be those who can prove significant efforts and success in their field of study. The aim is to enable students to walk and study the golf courses; playing them is rather out of the question," she said. "It is a great privilege that scholarship candidates can get access to the mostly private golf clubs where visitors are not normally welcomed."

Both study tours will take place annually in April. The Western route leads to 18 golf courses in three weeks; the Eastern route includes 22 golf courses in four weeks.

Golf course architecture and turfgrass students from all over the world are invited to apply for the scholarship. Applicants shall be at least 21 years old and prove significant efforts and results in their educational career path in either golf design or turfgrass management.

For further information and application forms, contact Bettina Schrickel in Germany, fax: 49-33205-64035.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 30. Successful candidates will receive the Scholarship Route Book four weeks prior to departure, which includes detailed route plans, golf course descriptions, hotel recommendations and safety advice. Airplane tickets, rental cars, travel expenses and cellular telephones for the duration of the journey will be provided. Applicants must be in possession of a valid passport and an international drivers license. It is the responsibility of students to obtain a tourist visa for the United States and full health and travel insurance individually prior to departure.

