Western Golf goes 'back east' to land Stonewall Golf Club

By JAY FINEGAN

GAINSVILLE, Va. — Western Golf Properties has landed a contract to manage the new Stonewall Golf Club here in Gainsville, about 45 minutes west of downtown Washington, D.C.

Western Golf, headquartered in Scottsdale, Ariz., will handle day-to-day operations of the 18-hole course and clubhouse, both scheduled to open early this fall. The Robert Trent Jones Golf Club, frequent host of the President's Cup tournament, borders the Lake Manassas gated residential complex that embraces the Stonewall course.

“Western Golf Properties has an impressive portfolio of courses,” said Warren Watkins, president of South Star Development Co., which developed the Stonewall complex and Lake Manassas, a fast-growing residential community. “Having managed some of the finest courses in the country, such as Estrella Mountain Ranch Club in Arizona, they have the expertise and experience to run a high-end daily-fee course like Stonewall.”

LARGE PRACTICE AREA

The 6,938-yard, par-72 layout was designed by golf architect Tom Jackson and built by engineers Dewberry & Davis. Ed Long has assumed the duties of head superintendent.

The 17th hole at Stonewall Golf Club

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Coazd CC adds nine holes with creative financing

By JOEL JOYNER

COZAD, Neb. — Most golf clubs expanding from nine holes to 18 would simply go to the bank and borrow the money. But that seemed too easy to the management of the Cozad Country Club here in central Nebraska, along the Platte River.

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Casper Golf adds two clients in Miss.

VIENNA, Va. — Billy Casper Golf (BCG) has been selected to provide management for two Mississippi courses: Quail Hollow Golf Course in McComb and Mallard Pointe Golf Course in Sardis.

The Casper group will plan, implement and oversee each course's operations, advertising, marketing, public relations and agronomic strategies. "These are two beautiful courses and we are excited about our new relationship with the state of Mississippi," said Mike Cutler, regional operations manager for BCG. "We look forward to improving the total golf experience at both courses for golfers across the state and the region."

Golf course architect Arthur Hills designed Quail Hollow, a par-72, 6,700-yard course. The layout, located in Percy Quinn State Park, winds through gently rolling woodlands and offers spectacular views across two of its large lakes.

Architect Bob Cupp designed Mallard Pointe, a par-72, 7,004-yard course within the community of Cozad CC. "We will be high-end public," said director of golf Rob Ford. "The golf course is going to be conducive to that, the way it's laid out. We'll have fine amenities, "

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White Columns

opened in 1994. The par-72 White Columns layout was voted sixth-best new course in America by *Golf Digest* in 1995 and placed 27th in *Golf* magazine's "Best Among the Top 100 Courses" to play in America. *Georgia Golf News* recognized the facility in 1998 as the number-one daily-fee course in the Atlanta area.

“White Columns has always offered a golf and club experience rivaling the finest country clubs,” said Bob Husband, president and CEO of Heritage Golf Group. “We’re very pleased that it can now rightfully be counted among the top private clubs in the country.”

**THREE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES**

As Georgia’s newest private country club, White Columns is now offering individual, corporate and family memberships and is extending membership opportunities to those living outside the White Columns residential community.

During its transition, the club will continue to welcome limited daily-fee play and outings until complete privatization is achieved within the next two to four years.

“Starting with its spectacular setting and exceptional golf course, White Columns offers an unmatched recreational and social experience for those fortunate enough to become members,” Husband said.

The list of amenities at White Columns also includes a highly acclaimed practice center as well as a swim and tennis center. Heritage Golf Group currently owns and operates nine high-quality golf facilities, both private and daily fee, throughout the United States.