

Williamsburg's newest opens with a blast

WILLIAMSBURG, Va. — An 18th-century musket volley signaled the opening of a second championship golf course Oct. 28 at Colonial Williamsburg — The Golden Horseshoe Green Course designed by Rees Jones.

In lieu of a traditional shotgun start, costumed fifers, drummers and Colonial militia provided the starting signal for an invitational tournament celebrating the first day of play.

The links-style course complements the Gold course, designed by Rees' father, Robert Trent Jones Sr., and opened in 1963.

The Green course's design features abundant woodlands and natural terrain. "This is rugged land, with a lot of ravines and draws. We had to be very careful routing the course to take best advantage of the topography," Jones said.

"The routing really fits the land. We were able to avoid the really rugged terrain and develop a course that combines different types of holes that fit the site. We tried to make this a shotmaker's course."

The Green course plays 7,120 yards from the back tees. Water comes into play on six holes.

Courses newly approved in North America

Golf Course News is publishing these lists monthly from our sources, and, starting this month, with the assistance of *Forecast Golf Marketing & Financial Systems, Inc.* of Richmond, Va. The list at right includes courses that have been approved in North America in the past month. The chart below contains the sites and contacts for new courses and renovations in the planning stages. When those courses are ready to begin construction they will be listed again in this "Courses newly approved" chart.

We would appreciate your help in updating these lists. To contact us call 207-846-0600 or write *Golf Course News*, P.O. Box 997, Yarmouth, Maine 04096.

With *Forecast's* help, we have added "Class" and "Work" to our categories. Their meaning is explained below.

Under "Type" — D= Daily Fee; P= Private; and M= Municipal.

Under "Class" — R= Regulation; E= Executive; P= Par 3.

Under "Work" — N= New; R= Renovation.

Location	Course Name	Type	Class	Work	Contact
Arizona					
Eloy	Tohono/Eloy Golf Course	M	R	N	Golf Group Ltd.
Connecticut					
Portland	Portland G. C.	N/A	N/A	N/A	John Kelley
Florida					
Eastpoint	Green Point Golf Resort	R	R	N	Clifton Ezell & Clifton
Naples	Grey Oaks Golf & Country Club	P	R	N	Clifton Ezell & Clifton
Ocoee	Ocoee Public Golf Links	D	R	N	Clifton Ezell & Clifton
Hawaii					
Kailua Kona	Kealakehe (Course 1)	M	R	N	Golf Group Ltd.
Kailua Kona	Kealakehe (Course 2)	D	R	N	Golf Group Ltd.
Illinois					
Blue Island	To Be Announced	M	N/A	N/A	Bill Maples, City Planner
Nauvoo	Great River Road G. C.	D	N/A	N/A	Steve Sanders
Kentucky					
Henderson	To Be Announced	M	N/A	N/A	Cty. Mgr. Russell Sights
Massachusetts					
Hanson	Arboretum Golf Course	D	R	N	Phil Burne
Missouri					
Blue Springs	Edgewater's South River Colony	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
New York					
Vernon	Crystal Springs G. C.	N/A	N/A	N/A	John Snizek
North Dakota					
Moorhead	Village Green G. C.	M	N/A	N/A	Mayor Morris Lanning
Tennessee					
Nashville	Greene Springs	P	N/A	N/A	Bobby Nichols
Texas					
Port Acres	To Be Announced	N/A	N/A	N/A	Robert von Hagge

Courses newly planned in North America

City	Type	Work	Contact	Telephone	City	Type	Work	Contact	Telephone
California					Los Cabos				
Blackhawk	P	N	Robert M Graves	415/939-6300				Jack Nicklaus	714/833-3025
Goleta	D	N	Robert M Graves	415/939-6300	Michigan				
Goleta			John O'Shaughnessy		Bedford Tnp			James Krieger	
Palm Springs		N	Jack Nicklaus		Hartland			Jack Nicklaus	
Rancho Mirage	M		City Council		Minnesota				
San Jacinto	M		Brian McNabb, Comm. Dev. Dir.		Edgerton			Chanarambie Golf Course Comm.	
San Luis Obispo			Kenneth Hunter Jr.		Mississippi				
Vallejo	M	R	Robert M Graves	415/939-6300	Tunica County			Hardie Financial Group Inc.	
Walnut Creek			A.J. Solomon		Nebraska				
Woodland			Algie Pulley		Omaha	D	N	Golf Resources	
Canada					Nevada				
DeWinton (Alberta)		D	Finger-Dye-Spann	403/938-4873	Las Vegas			Jack Sommer	
James Island (Vict.)			Jack Nicklaus	604/656-1133	New Jersey				
Connecticut					North Hanover				
Bristol			Kenneth Roberts		Trenton			Jack Nicklaus	Nicklaus/Sierra
Florida					New York				
Auburndale			Jack Turner		Altona			Cornish & Silva	
Bartow	M		Gerald Martin, Zoning Adm.		Ohio				
Lake Wales			Lake Wales Golf Estates Ltd.		Cincinnati			Glenview G. C.	
Hawaii					Pennsylvania				
Hawaii			Jack Nicklaus	602/443-2630	Carlisle			Ashcombe Products Co.	
Honolulu			SMF Enterprise Inc.		North Braddock			Regis Ford	
Honolulu	R		Cupp Design	808/523-6200	South Dakota				
Kihei	R		Jack Nicklaus	808/879-4461	Sioux Falls	M		Lowen Schuett, Park Dir.	
Wailea	D	N	Robert M Graves	415/939-6300	Texas				
Illinois					Dallas				
Barry			Bill Bainter		Houston		R	Golf Resources	
Bloomington	P	R	Golf Resources					S.T. Clark Co.	
Dixon	M		Park Dist. Bd.		Virginia				
Edwardsville			Fox Creek Golf Club Inc.		Chester	D	N	Colonial Golf Design	804/784-5469
Moweaqua	M		George Forston, Mayor		Stuarts Draft	D	N	Colonial Golf Design	804/784-5469
Oak Lawn	M		Park Board		Washington				
Peoria	P	R	Golf Resources		Anacortes			Scott Lipton	
Tinley Park	M		Planning Commission		Bellevue			William Rademaker	
Tuscola	M		City Council		Bellingham			Golf Concepts Inc.	
Wauconda			C&H Development		Black Diamond	M		Harold Botts, Mayor	
Kentucky					East Wenatchee				
Boone County	M		Don Davis, County Commissioner		Redmond	M		Jack Frei	
Mexico					Wisconsin				
Juarez	P		Finger-Dye-Spann	915/584-5535	Green Bay			KRV Inc.	
					Madison	M		Paul Reilly, City Comptroller	
					Milwaukee Cnty	M		Brigid Sullivan, Parks Dir.	

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ment involvement. "About 85 percent of Canada is 'crown land,' which is owned by the government. All that land is sitting idle," he said. "I think the future for real widespread golf development is to encourage various levels of government to release the land on a 99-year lease and let the private sector build the golf course and split the revenue."

Second, the so-called Off-shore Investment Program. The federal government designed the program to attract foreign capital.

Basically, that money is coming from Hong Kong and Taiwanese investors, he said. "There is so much money pouring out of Hong Kong right now — as they face the 1999 deadline for the Chinese taking over Hong Kong — that they are looking at Canada as the land of opportunity. And golf is near and dear to their heart. They are bringing a lot of money with them."

Gordon explained that under the program, if an alien "can show you will invest X dollars in Canada over X years, your immigration status improves vastly."

Third, the CGF hopes to show potential developers they should build public and semi-private courses. "While they may not be able to sell memberships and quickly get a financial return in an equity situation," he said, "semi-private and public courses are good longer-term cash-flow situations."

Hurdzan's optimistic outlook included three factors:

- "a latent, pent-up demand that has lagged behind until now;
- "more exposure to golf; and
- "more discretionary time."