

World Golf Village taking shape in Fla.

ORLANDO, Fla.—Vistana, Inc., a developer and operator of vacation ownership resorts, reports that construction is underway at its 25-acre, 408-unit ownership resort at World Golf Village, a premier tourism, business and golf destination under development near St. Augustine. Vistana Resort at World Golf Village will be the only vacation ownership resort on the property which is expected to attract as many as 1 million visitors per year.

The World Golf Village will be located within the 6,300-acre community of Saint Johns. The complex will become home to the World Golf Hall of Fame, the PGA Tour Golf Academy, the World Golf Resort Hotel & Convention Center, and includes a planned 54 holes of championship golf.

According to Vistana, Inc., construction will be completed in phases with the first 102 units to be completed by next spring. The resort will be situated adjacent to the World Golf Hall of Fame overlooking the 17th and 18th fairways of "The Slammer and The Squire" golf course, named for Sam Snead and Gene Sarazen, who provided design input.

"It is an honor to be affiliated with a project that is expected to become the centerpiece for golfers around the world," said Raymond L. "Rip" Gellein Jr., chairman and co-chief executive officer of Vistana. "Everyone involved in the conceptual development of the World Golf Village shares a common vision to create an environment offering championship golf, elegant shops and restaurants, and a variety of accommodations including whole ownership, hotels and vacation ownership."

The World Golf Village represents a collaboration on every level, from the major golf organizations and tours around the world to the participation of an elite group of development companies. Shell Oil Co. recently became the Founding Partner of World Golf Village.

Timberton adding 9 to McCumber's 18

HATTIESBURG, Miss. — The board of directors of Timberton Golf L.P. has decided to add a nine-hole layout at 18-hole Timberton Golf Club. "The Lakeview nine will be a tremendous addition to our facility," said Joseph Tatum Jr., president of Timberton Golf Club. "The entire team that helped develop our original 18 holes is present for the [new] design."

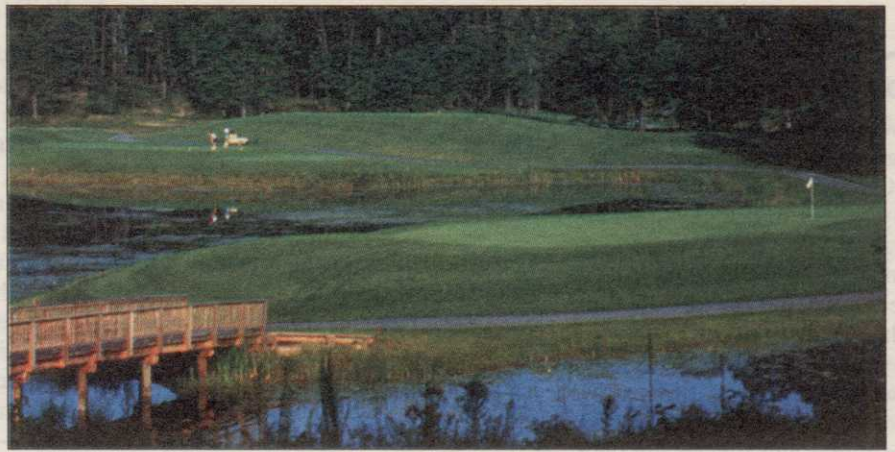
The original 18 holes, designed by Mark McCumber in 1991, will be named Valley and Creekside courses.

The Lakeview nine, expected to open in July 1998, is the creation of PGA Past President J.R. Carpenter and Director of Golf Ron Hickman.

Tim Burge of Burge Engineering is overseeing the project. The construction and shaping contract were awarded to Len Burge of Len Burge Land Development Services.

ST. IVES CONTINUES MICHIGAN BOOM

The Jerry Matthews-designed St. Ives Golf Club, which offers private membership but is open to public play, has opened in Stanwood, Mich., 55 miles north of Grand Rapids. Matthews overcame wetlands challenges and turned a former gravel pit into a collection of holes on this 186-acre golf course. Canadian Lakes Development Co. plans an accompanying residential and commercial project on 65 acres. The course plays from 4,821 to 6,702 yards and plays to par 72.



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