

Player christens first Va. project

LEESBURG, Va. — Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club opened for play on Oct. 1, with a special fall preview before the scheduled grand opening this spring. Located just three miles north of historic Leesburg, Raspberry Falls will be open to the public and is Virginia's only Gary Player Signature Design golf course.

"We're very excited about the golf course," said Bob Swiger, a partner of the Myrtle Beach-based Stradinger and Swiger Corp., developers of Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club.

The 7,191-yard, par-72 layout is set on a 200-acre parcel of land named "Raspberry Plain," established in the 18th century as one of the most productive plantations in Virginia.

"This site was made for a golf course," said Player. "The land offered us a lot to work with."

The countryside's natural features — rolling terrain, meandering streams, natural rock outcroppings, and spectacular vistas — were all incorporated into the layout. The most dramatic and formidable feature of Raspberry Falls is its Scottish-style stacked-sod bunkers. Inspired by the great links of the British Isles, their steep-faced walls, constructed with layer upon layer of sod, give the golf course a distinctive look.



The Scottish-stacked bunker style at Gary Player's Raspberry Falls G&CC in Leesburg, Va.

Madison Golf to revamp Wisconsin's Meadow Springs

JEFFERSON, Wis. — Construction is underway here on the new Meadow Springs Golf Club. The original nine-hole course, built in 1926, is being transformed into an all-new, 18-hole golf course and residential community.

The project will be designed, built and managed by Madison Golf Development Group (MGDG), a sister company of the Middleton, Wis.-based Bruce Co. of Wisconsin. MGDG —

which acquired nearly 100 acres from neighboring St. Coletta School — has entered into a long-term lease arrangement with Meadow Springs to operate the course. Jefferson County Bank is handling the financial arrangements.

The course will also include more than 135 home sites. The new course will operate as a private club which permits public play. The entire project is to be completed by 1999.

Wis. landscape society honors Mattingly Kuehn

GRAFTON, Wis. — Kerry Mattingly and Gregg Kuehn, golf course architects with Mattingly Kuehn Golf Design, Inc., have been awarded the highest honor in the 1996 Wisconsin Chapter American Society of Landscape Architects Professional Awards Program. They earned The President's Award of Excellence for their design of Country Club of Wisconsin (CCW).

Citing "an extraordinarily beautiful site design," the judges deemed this project as the best of all those submitted in this year's competition. The architects' "excellent maintenance of large patches of habitat" helped the course earn acceptance into the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.

Mattingly and Kuehn were responsible for the site plan for CCW as well as the course routing, grading plans, and design details. They also supervised construction on a daily basis during the 11-month building period.

CCW is a daily-fee course, situated on 217 acres 20 minutes north of Milwaukee. The use of a variety of grasses prompted one judge to praise its "gorgeous combination of textures."

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