

STONE MOUNTAIN, Ga. — Stone Mountain Golf Club, a 36-hole championship public layout managed by Marriott since 1998, has announced the grand re-opening of Stonemont Golf Course following a \$1 million renovation. Originally designed by Robert Trent Jones Sr., in 1969, the course was nationally ranked as one of America's top 100 public courses by *Golf Digest* magazine for several years. With an additional nine-hole expansion in 1992, the original Stonemont rotation was di-

vided between both 18-hole courses.

In 1969 the state of Georgia commissioned Jones to design the course inside Stone Mountain Park.

In 1991 an additional nine holes, designed by John LaFoy, were built and attached to the original front nine of Stonemont. The original back side was subsequently connected to the Lakemont nine holes built in 1988 to for its own rotation.

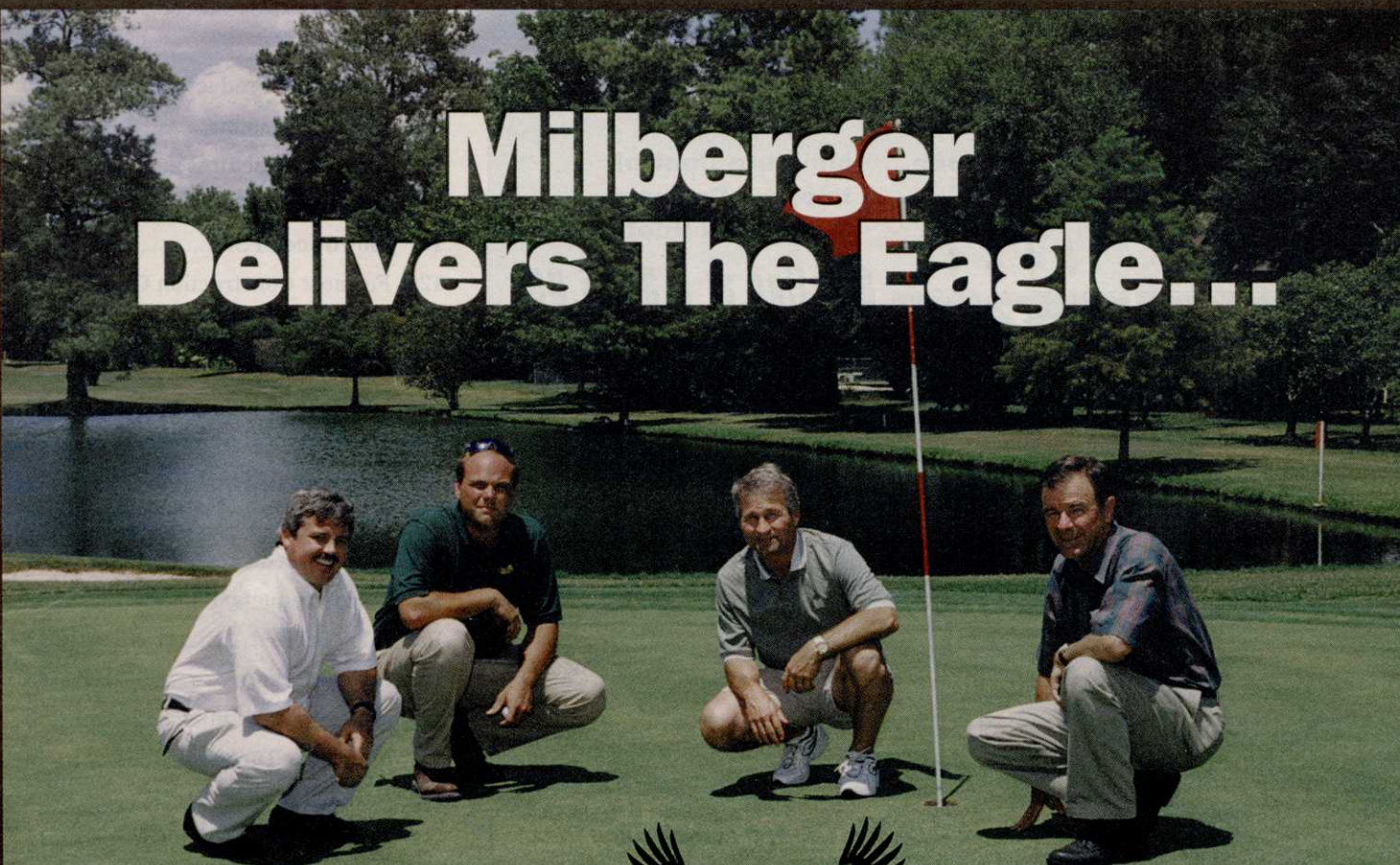
Stone Mountain completes \$1M redo

Stone Mountain's head golf professional, Jim Keane, said: "As professionals, I felt it was our responsibility to restore the Stonemont layout back to its original state. This was done not only out of respect for Mr. Jones' work and style, but also for the thousands of golfers who held the original course in such high regard."


The original front nine greens have been rebuilt, maintaining Jones' playing

characteristics, and have been sodded with Crenshaw bentgrass and zoysiagrass aprons. Several of the tee complexes and bunkers have been restored as well. A state-of-the-art irrigation system was installed.

"Great care was taken to restore aspects of the course to their original specifications, including reverting to a par-70," said General Manager and Director of Golf Operations Steve Hupe. "Our goal was to restore the integrity of the original layout while providing a total golf experience second to none in the Southeast."



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After 5-year delay, Geneva National ready for Player

LAKE GENEVA, Wis. — Gary Player is overseeing construction on the new second nine holes at Geneva National here. The first nine holes opened for play in 1994, but several land issues delayed further work to complete the originally planned 18-hole course. In the interim, the Paloma development group took over the project and paved the way for the second nine.

"I am thrilled to be back here again and to have the opportunity to work with Garth Chambers and his Paloma team," said Player. "We had such a good piece of property on the front nine, and walking through what will be the second nine has really excited me. I cannot believe the magnificence of this property. I am truly proud with the way our design team fit the course so naturally into the land."

Although the available land is restricted by large wetlands adjoining beautiful Lake Como, and the merging of the existing nine holes with the new routing plan offered additional challenges, the design of the new nine takes advantage of the property's considerable natural features. Special attention has been given to preservation of trees on site and no wetlands will be impacted, apart from a few narrow boardwalk crossings.

Meanwhile, in Grand Traverse, Mich., Player has opened the Wolverine, an 18-hole layout at KSL-owned Grand Traverse Resort here. The front nine is routed through a landscape that incorporates the large wetlands that have been protected, as well as expanded. The second nine holes feature substantial elevation changes that offer views of Traverse Bay and the entire property.

Hardwoods and spruce trees line many of the fairways. The Wolverine's bunkering is some of the most dramatic of all Michigan courses with bold faces and bright white sand, which is in contrast to the darker-colored sands that more often are used in the state's designs.