

ClubLink, Couples team up in Quebec

ClubLink's Fred Couples signature course is under construction at Mont Tremblant/ St. Jovite in the Laurentian Mountains, north of Montreal and Ottawa. The premium member club, to be named Le Maitre (The Master), is about 75 minutes from Montreal and 90 minutes from Ottawa. It's expected to open next spring.

Couples, a winner of 14 PGA Tour events, is the design consultant for the project, being sculpted on 260 acres of riverfront terrain on Riviere du Diable (Devil's River). He is working with Couples/Bates Golf Design, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., and Cooke-Huxham International Golf Course Architects, of

The par-72 layout will measure more than 6,850 yards and feature a full practice facility with target greens. Between the 9th and 18th holes, two ponds being built will be connected by a waterfall. Club amenities include a 13,000-square-foot clubhouse, outdoor tennis courts and a swimming pool. The course will be available for guests of affiliated resorts.

"This is my first design project in Canada, so I'm especially pleased that the site is spectacular and lends itself to creating a golf course that's both challenging and in a scenic resort setting," Couples said. "This project is exciting because I really enjoy visiting and playing in Quebec, having played ClubLink's Cedarbrook course in the past and the 1999 Skins Game at Mont Tremblant."

The club is situated in a popular vacation and second-home market serving primarily Montreal and Ottawa.

"We're thrilled to work with Fred Couples, one of golf's most accomplished and popular players," said Justin Connidis, ClubLink president for Quebec and eastern Canada. "Fred brings almost 20 years of professional playing experience to the project, and Couples/Bates Golf

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SARASOTA, Fla. Schroeder-Manatee Ranch Inc. (SMR) has started construction on the first nine holes for Lakewood Ranch Golf & Country Club here. The initial phase is expected to be completed by this coming November. Completion of the second nine is planned for one year later to coincide with the grand opening of the private club and clubhouse

Design has collaborated on a number of top courses around the world.'

ClubLink is also working on golf development plans on sites it owns in Montreal and Ottawa, in addition to pursuing acquisitions of existing facilities. Its courses in operation or under development in east-

ern Canada include Kanata, Le Dome and Grey Hawk in the Ottawa region; and Cedarbrook and the original Les Quatre Domaines course in Montreal. In addition to Le Maitre, the company is also building a second Les Quatre Domaines layout, which is scheduled to open next May.



Le Maitre will feature ponds and a waterfall between holes 9 and 18



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