

Pierman to run Frontier's Southeast division

NORTH PALM BEACH, Fla. — Veteran course contractor Jerry Pierman has joined Jones Mills, Pa.-based Frontier Construction Co. as vice president of the firm's new Southeastern Division, based here.

Pierman brings 30 years of diverse experience to Frontier, along with a presence in the Southeastern, Caribbean, Central and South American markets. Frontier has contracted to build 11 new holes for designer Steve Nicklaus at Ibis Golf & Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

"We couldn't be happier to have someone of Jerry Pierman's caliber on board," said Nick Scigliano, president of Frontier Construction Co. "I've already seen how his skills, experience and reputation have positively affected our organization. I'm confident his addition will give Frontier a credible foothold in the Southeast."

Pierman spent nine years, beginning in 1972, as treasurer and vice president of the Jack Nicklaus Companies before becoming vice president of a major international course contractor. He then served as manager of Tom Fazio's design firm, leaving to become general manager of development at Pete Dye's Old Marsh Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

In 1987, Pierman formed a course construction partnership responsible for several projects, including two Jack Nicklaus designs — New Albany (Ohio) Golf Club (GC) and Sycamore Hills Country Club outside Fort Wayne, Ind., and The Arthur Hills Course at Old Trail GC in Jupiter, Fla.. In 1990, Pierman bought out his partners and formed Pierman Golf Co, which went on to build, among others: Ron Garl's Indian River Country Club in Vero Beach; The Medalion Club for Jack Nicklaus II in Columbus, Ohio; The Legends of Indiana, a Jim Fazio layout in Franklin; Scott Miller's Bentwater Country Club in North Houston, Texas; and Saddle Brooke GC, a Keith Foster design in Tucson, Ariz.

During this time, Pierman also served two years as president of the Golf Course Builders Association of America and spent six years on the organization's board of directors. In 1995, Pierman was president of his own construction management consulting firm, JL Pierman International and Associates, whose recent clients include Ruitoque Golf & Country Club, a Golden Bear Design in Bucaramanga, Colombia, and Blake Tree National Golf Club in Houston.

"I'm excited to be back in the course construction business full-time," Pierman explained.

"As I've gotten to know Nick, I'm increasingly impressed by his philosophies regarding what it takes to build a solid company that does quality work."

Frontier's recent project list includes 18 new holes at the Ted Robinson-designed Los Suenos Resort, a Marriott-managed property on Costa Rica's Pacific

coast; Links at Spring Church (Pa.), which will open for play this spring; a renovation with Ault Clark & Associates at Lawrence Park Golf Club in Erie, Pa.; and a renovation with Ron Forse at Sunnehanna Country Club in Westmont, Pa., an A.W. Tillinghast design and longtime host to the Sunnehanna Amateur.

BURNS' SEBASTIAN HILLS SET FOR SPRING OPENING

XENIA, Ohio — Sebastian Hills Golf Club is growing in, with a late-spring opening expected. Burns Golf Design designed the course as well as the initial master planning of the surrounding real estate, and Hunnicutt Golf built the course. The par-72 course will be somewhat unusual, with a par-35 front nine, featuring three par-3s, and a par-37 back nine, featuring three par-5s. Sixty-five sand bunkers provide beauty and challenge to the layout. Streams, and four lakes will come into play on 14 holes.

