



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – MONDAY OCTOBER 10, 2011 AUGUSTINE GOLF CLUB HAS REOPENED

Augustine Golf Club celebrated their grand reopening on October 1, 2011 after seven months of extensive renovations to return Augustine to its elite status as one of the top semi-private facilities in the state of Virginia. Golfers will find the renovations extensive, with a complete remake of the greens, fairways, roughs, bunkers, and tee boxes. "A long-time known as one of the best golf course layouts in the mid-Atlantic area, Augustine allows us to do what we do best – give the customer a valued experience," said Bob Swiger, developer of Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club, and partner in Raspberry Golf Management.

Raspberry Golf Management (RGM), a leading-edge golf management company located in Leesburg, VA, has signed a 10-year management contract with the new owners of Augustine Golf Club in Stafford, VA. The addition of Augustine brings Raspberry Golf Management's stable of operations to six properties, four of which are located in Northern Virginia: Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club, its flagship property, in Leesburg; Bull Run Golf Club in Haymarket; Old Hickory Golf Club in Woodbridge; as well as Augustine in Stafford. The other two properties are in Pennsylvania and Arizona. Thru its association with RGM, Augustine will be able to offer reciprocal membership opportunities with Raspberry Falls, Old Hickory and Bull Run.

Rick Rabil, Managing Partner of Augustine Golf Club, LLC, is excited about Augustine's future. "After working with Raspberry Golf Management at Raspberry Falls (since 1996), Old Hickory (since 2003) and Bull Run (since 2010) we believe that RGM is the best in the business at operating golf courses and will make Augustine Golf Club a destination for all golfers in the area. Their ability to make these courses a Country Club for the day draws a lot of interest from golfers who would normally gravitate to a Private Club. We couldn't have selected a better partner than RGM," stated Rabil.

An addition for Augustine is their joining the 'Raspberry Golf Trail' – an association of outstanding public golf facilities that stretch from Harrisburg, PA to Fredericksburg, VA (www.raspberrygolftrail.com). Augustine also will become an additional location of the popular Raspberry Golf Academy. The original Academy, located at Raspberry Falls, has won acclaim for providing Tour Pro teaching and club fitting facilities to the average public golfer. In just 3 short years, the Raspberry Golf Academy has become the #1 location for expert instruction and game improvement services in the DC Metro area.

Carved from the gentle rolling hills of Stafford County, Augustine Golf Club was designed by renowned Golf Course Architect Rick Jacobsen. Opening in 1995, Augustine was named after the father of George Washington - the nation's first President, whose boyhood homestead is close by. Upon opening, the club began to receive media accolades, including national awards from both Golf Digest and Golf Magazine. Tim Freeland, who has worked closely with Hall of Fame golfer Gary Player, is the lead architect on the restoration project. "Augustine is a great golf course," said Steve Clark, Augustine Director of Operations and partner in RGM. "It has a great layout and will once again have great conditions."

From its impressive stone constructed clubhouse with spacious pro shop, and its grille and bar area with veranda, to its beautifully contoured 6817-yard, par-71 layout complete with wetlands, streams and magnificent hardwoods, Augustine Golf Club is a gem of a public venue. Located just 40 miles south of the nation's capital, golfers will find a country club atmosphere awaits them from the bag drop to the pristine conditions of the updated clubhouse. To find out more about Augustine Golf Club or to book a tee time, call the pro shop at (540) 720-7374 or go online to www.golfaugustine.com.

