

Mistwood expanding

Lodging, Par-3 course added



Mistwood is adding a second course called the Little Nine.

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LAKE ANN – While it may not be on the order of a new 18-hole golf course, Mistwood, located near Lake Ann, is also quietly making some great strides in becoming a complete resort.

New this season are the two first buildings in a planned development consisting of 24 two-bedroom, two-bath Villas, which will be packaged for “stay and play plans,” according to owner Sherm Baarstad.

The new development will also eventually include eight two-bedroom, two-bath Cottages, 18 more single-family home sites and a brand new Par-3 golf course. Called the Little Nine, the course is currently under construction with a planned opening in August. The Villas and some of the home sites front the Little Nine.

“We’ve waited a long time to accomplish this, but we’re now becoming a complete resort,” said Baarstad, who first opened the golf course in 1993. “We’ve always had great golf courses and all the other amenities, including a nice club house with a pro-shop, lounge and restaurant, but we always lacked the lodging. And, there isn’t much of a choice in our immediate area.”

The two-bedroom Villas are about 1,340-square-feet and will accommodate up to six golfers. Completely furnished, they are listed at \$199,000 and being sold through the golf course.

The 1,500-square-foot Cottages are like condos with an association taking care of the grounds and exterior of the building. Options are available for the individual units to have a basement and a loft

for more space. They start at \$249,900.

The Little Nine Par-3 golf course will have holes ranging from 60 to 125 yards, according to Baarstad.

“It will be a fun course to play, something that the whole family can enjoy,” he said. “It will also be a great place to learn the game without feeling intimidated on a regular course.”

Although a fee for the Little Nine had not yet been established, Baarstad indicated that a parent and a couple of kids will be able to play for about \$15 or maybe less.

“We want to make it affordable so it gets lots of use,” he added, “from both house guests and playing guests.”

Mistwood went through a few financial pains in the late 1990s, but that is all behind them now, according to Baarstad.

“We’ve reorganized with fewer partners and the future looks bright for us, especially with the new housing development and now being able to offer stay and play packages,” he said. “It’s an exciting time for Mistwood.”

Mistwood has 27 holes laid out in three distinctive nine-hole groupings. The complex includes a practice range with target greens, sand bunkers and three putting greens. The club house includes a pro-shop, the Sunset Bar and Grill, which is open for dinners as well as the golfing public, and Bogey’s Snack Bar. *Golf Digest* has repeatedly rated Mistwood as four-star golf value.

For more information on Mistwood, the new development or to book a tee time, call (231) 275-5500 or log onto www.mistwoodgolf.com.