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BULLHEAD CITY - Pat Laughlin, general manager of Laughlin Ranch Golf Club announced this week that golf professional, Matt Valen is now on board and a vital part of the planning, strategy, and upcoming opening of the anxiously awaited new golf club.

Valen met Laughlin while Laughlin was golfing at a Palm Desert facility. Conversations began about the Laughlin Ranch project and Valen decided to make the move to this exciting new venture when the position was offered.

Valen comes to the team from California with over 14 years in the business; with the last two years spent in the golfing Mecca around Palm Desert. The last 10 years of his career has been spent specializing in major golf clinics for juniors and beginners. Valen states that insuring the longevity of the game has become very important to him. Valen himself has been golfing since the age of four. Love of the game led him to his career choice.

Some of the goals Valen has set for himself are to involve more female players, along with the juniors and beginners. Of course, his talents will not ignore the experienced golfers in any way; Valen is a true golf professional ready to provide whatever service is needed by players at Laughlin Ranch Golf Club.

Valen said his dedication to the integrity of the game and making every experience enjoyable is what drives him. "My job is 24/7 and all about keeping the word joy built into the word golf," Valen said.

Bringing with him his wife, two children and the family pets, Valen will make the area his new home. Valen stated that the family is excited about the move.

In his position as Manager for the casino, Laughlin had the opportunity to meet and speak extensively with Dave Lords, president of Laughlin Ranch. After making it clear about his interest in

the game, Laughlin took Lords up of the offer to become the Laughlin Ranch Golf Club GM.

Laughlin said, "This golf club will be a complete golfing experience with 18 unique holes to challenge golfers at every level," Laughlin said. Adding that the club house will include a full service Day-Spa, Sports Bar, Grill, Meeting Rooms, Banquet Facilities, Complete Practice Facilities, GPS Units on every cart...and the list goes on and on.

Laughlin Ranch Golf Club is expected to have a soft opening in January, 2005 with light play to follow until the new sod has had a chance to really take hold.

Further information on booking tournaments or general info, call 928-754-1241 and ask for Pat Laughlin. You can also access the website showing the rapid pace of the golf course construction and additional information on the overall Laughlin Ranch project at www.laughlinranch.com

New Golf Pro...



New golf pro, Matt Valen (left), discusses future of Laughlin Ranch Golf Club with golf course General Manager Pat Laughlin. Valen moved to Bullhead city from the Palm Desert area of California where he worked for 10 years.

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