

Stensballegaard Golf, Denmark



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Stensballegaard is an old mansion from 1692, and has since 1928 been in the possession of the noble family Ahlefeldt-Laurvig, who are the founders and owners of the golf course and club.

Construction began in April 2007 and by October same year almost 27 holes and a 6 holes par-3 course were in shape, where 9 holes and the practice range were grassed. Due to the tough Scandinavian winter, construction can't take place from November, so in early April this year, the final construction of the course will begin, and by May the next 9 holes and the par-3 course should be grassed. Though the golf season in Denmark is likewise only from April-October, the sun rises in the summer at 4 am, and sets at 11 pm.



In the spring 2009 the club house and 18 holes will be open to the members of this “private club”, and the final 9 holes should be playable by the summer. Eventually the golf club will be open to green-fee players, and the family Ahlefeldt-Laurvig intends to host some international events.



Due to short golfing season, the members of Stensballegaard Golf can practice in the indoor facilities during the winter.



Rick Baril is the chief architect on Stensballegaard Golf and along with Superintendent Jim Shirley (from Les Bordes, France) and Shaper Gus Grantham, he has created something special. Count Ahlefeldt-Laurvig, founding chairman of Stensballegaard Golf: *“von Hagge, Smelek and Baril have done a magnificent job at Stensballegaard, and it has been an outstanding pleasure to work closely with Rick Baril and in the process get to know both Robert von Hagge and Mike Smelek. Stensballegaard Golf will without doubt be one of Denmark’s if not one of Europe’s best golf course. We would at this stage unreservedly recommend this extraordinary team to any one valuing their capabilities”*.

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