



# Wintergreen Resort

## MONOCAN NINE REMODEL PROJECT UNDERWAY AT WINTERGREEN RESORT

*Areas Around Greens on Rees Jones Design Improving With Bermuda Grass*



**WINTERGREEN, Va. (June 13, 2017)** — When the Monocan nine reopens on the 27-hole Stoney Creek Golf Course at Wintergreen Resort, the popular Rees Jones design will be all dressed up with nine new green surrounds.

The Monocan nine project, underway this week and scheduled for completion in September, will eradicate the cool-season grasses around each of the course’s green surround areas and replace with a warm-season Bermuda grass. The new surrounds will thrive in the summer weather patterns in the Rockfish Valley, creating ideal chipping and pitching conditions year-round.

“I am really excited about this project and the conversion of these areas on Monocan to Latitude Bermuda grass,” said Geoff Redgrave, the Director of Golf at Wintergreen. “These areas will not only look better aesthetically, but the improved playing conditions will help golfers get the ball up and down.”

During the renovation, Stoney Creek still will have 18 holes available for play this summer, along with resort guests able to play 18 holes at Wintergreen’s mountaintop Devils Knob Golf Course.

Fred Biggers, CGCS, Wintergreen’s Director of Golf Course Maintenance, and his staff are handling the renovation. The project checklist includes:

- ü Eradication of the cool season turf around each of the Monocan greens.
- ü Sod stripping of the selected areas and replacement with Latitude Bermuda sprigs or sod.

- ü Areas around the greens and around all bunkers and steeper bunker slopes will be replaced with Latitude Bermuda sod.
- ü Grass will be grown in with watering and heavy fertilization during this summer period.

Once the initial sprigs have rooted, a creeping effect of the grass will occur and further spreading of the Latitude Bermuda grass will continue to get thicker and tighter, further enhancing the playing conditions around the greens.

“The Monocan project and conditioning makeover illustrates the commitment by the membership – in alliance with Wintergreen ownership group, management and staff – to continue to elevate the standards of play at the resort,” Redgrave said.

Stoney Creek Golf Course is blended gracefully into the rolling landscape of the Rockfish Valley, while Devils Knob is situated at the highest elevation of any course in Virginia at 3,850 feet.

Stoney Creek offers the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains as a backdrop to Jones’ traditional design, which incorporates natural springs, and habitat, including Lake Monocan. All three nines offer generous landing areas, few forced carries and large, deceptively contoured greens. Stoney Creek’s combination of nines offers an invigorating variety of golf year-round, for the serious competitor and vacationing golfer alike.

Wintergreen is an ideal destination for the active traveler or family. In addition to golf, the resort offers a U.S. Top 50-rated tennis complex and miles of hiking and biking trails, as well as the rejuvenating full-service Wintergreen spa. Summer is an ideal time to explore nearby wineries and breweries, or stop by one of the working farms and orchards that dot the surrounding countryside.

For more information on Wintergreen Resort visit [www.wintergreenresort.com](http://www.wintergreenresort.com).

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**About Wintergreen Resort:** Wintergreen Resort is an 11,000-acre, four-season resort located in the Blue Ridge Mountains southwest of Charlottesville, Va. This beautiful hideaway is the ultimate vacation and conference spot, nearly 230 condominium-style accommodations; 45 holes of championship golf; snow skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing; an award-winning tennis program; a full-service, destination spa; 40,000 square feet of meeting and event space; and savory dining options. The resort is located adjacent to the Blue Ridge Parkway in beautiful central Virginia near Charlottesville, just 90 minutes from Richmond, Va., three hours from Washington, D.C. and Raleigh, N.C., five and a half hours from Philadelphia, and eight hours from Atlanta. For more information, guests can call (434) 325-2200 or visit the resort’s web site at [www.wintergreenresort.com](http://www.wintergreenresort.com).

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