

“We absolutely love it. Nothing compares to Stoneleigh. It is a great value and the advice I give potential members is to do their homework and make a decision before the remaining categories fill up.”

— member Chris Doran

Rolling Stoneleigh

Private Loudoun County Club Growing Rapidly Despite Economy

HERE'S A LOCAL GOLF TRIVIA QUESTION: Name a private club in Northern Virginia that has added over 100 full golf members in the past 18 months. Stumped? The only answer we're aware of is Stoneleigh Golf & Country Club in Round Hill, Virginia.

Stoneleigh, in Loudoun County on Route 7 between Leesburg and Winchester, has lately been like the lead salmon swimming upstream in what has been called “one of the top membership performances in the U.S.” in 2009-10.

Golfers have been drawn to Stoneleigh's beautiful and interesting layout with excellent conditions and fantastic accessibility. At a time when some private club members complain about not being able to get a tee time at their own course, Stoneleigh members enjoy uncrowded links with less than half the rounds played annually as most other area clubs, and a considerably faster pace.

“It's a special place,” says general manager Robert Strohecker. “From the time you pull in, the stone walls and apple trees signal that you have escaped the hassles and arrived at a haven for enjoyment.”

That stone work dates from the property's origin circa 1750, and those apple trees stem from the property's former life as an orchard. The course is more recent, and offers a rare treat in the D.C. area: an interesting layout that is well maintained and walkable. Almost half of the club's rounds are played by walkers – something many clubs won't allow.

Ultimately, though, Stoneleigh is about the people. David Swales of



Charlottesville-based Affinity Management (affinitymanagement.com) which operates Stoneleigh observes, “We've worked with clubs in 24 states and these members are a great group. Though they are diverse in many ways, they share a vibrancy, family orientation and desire to simply have a good time, rather than wanting to get tangled up in committees and other distractions that happen at some private clubs. They obviously enjoy one another's company and are welcoming of new members.”

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