



GOLD MOUNTAIN GOLF CLUB TO JOIN COLUMBIA HOSPITALITY'S PORTFOLIO OF HOTELS, RESORTS, CONFERENCE AND EVENT CENTERS

Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm welcomes Bremerton's premier golf club



SEATTLE (October 10, 2012) – Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm Columbia Hospitality, Inc., announces a new management and operational agreement with the City of Bremerton to manage [Gold Mountain Golf Club](#), effective January 1, 2013. Located in the celebrated Olympic Peninsula in Bremerton, Washington, this championship 36-hole golf complex joins Columbia Hospitality's portfolio as the inaugural golf course management endeavor. This is the Columbia's fifth management acquisition in just over one year.

Bremerton city council voted Wednesday, October 3, in favor of Columbia and work started October 4 with the present management group as they transition through the end of the year. While the club will be under new management, veteran leadership including Head Professional Daryl Matheny and Greens Superintendent Ed Faulk will be retained.

"With our eight years of experience working with Kitsap Conference Center, we are thrilled to expand our business presence in Bremerton and Kitsap County," said Columbia Hospitality President Bret Matteson. "Gold Mountain Golf Club is a remarkable destination with much to offer—from the spectacular 36-holes of golf and the comprehensive practice facility, to events and dining. We're looking forward to working with the expertise of the existing team to enhance the guest experience and programming which will take advantage of the club's incredible amenities and stunning location. In addition we will build upon the current community partnerships and take advantage of the synergies available through our operation of the Kitsap Conference Center."

Of the management transition, Daryl Matheny anticipates great things. “My staff and I embrace the opportunity to work with Columbia Hospitality in beginning this new chapter here at Gold Mountain Golf Club. We have always been known as a world-class course, but now under the guidance and hospitality expertise of Columbia, the future looks even brighter.” Matheny will work under Columbia’s management as the Director of Golf.

“We are thrilled for Columbia Hospitality’s continued growth in our community,” said Patty Lent, mayor of the city of Bremerton. “The Kitsap Peninsula and this jewel of Bremerton have so much to offer visitors and Columbia Hospitality has an incredible track record of success in destination management - this partnership means great things for both Gold Mountain and the economic future of Bremerton as a whole.”

The award-winning Gold Mountain Golf Club is situated a few short miles from the Bremerton waterfront with a variety of amenities including two championship golf courses, diverse event and meeting space, striking views and the delicious fare of Tucker’s Restaurant. Both highly prized courses, the Olympic and the Cascade, are built on a natural watershed with varying levels of difficulty. The grounds also feature four practice putting greens and a 100 yard-wide grass tee practice facility with chipping, pitching and bunker accommodations.

In addition, the club is a premier event destination—ideal for weddings and receptions, retirement parties, business meetings and other special occasions for up to 300 attendees. The club’s central location provides convenient access to the charming downtown while boasting breathtaking scenery of the surrounding peninsula.

About Columbia Hospitality

Columbia Hospitality, Inc. (Columbia), a Seattle-based hospitality management and consulting firm, was founded in 1995 by John Oppenheimer. Columbia’s growing portfolio of premier properties, including the award-winning boutique hotels of the Columbia Collection, conference centers, and distinctive venues offer world-class service in memorable destinations. Columbia creates exceptional experiences for guests and team members while achieving phenomenal results for owners. The company’s continued success has led to an international expansion of the consulting division and more than 100 hospitality projects worldwide. For more information about Columbia and a full list of properties visit www.columbiahospitality.com.

About Gold Mountain Golf Club

Gold Mountain Golf Club is located in Bremerton, Wash on the beautiful Kitsap Peninsula. The award-winning facility boasts two 18-hole courses, 100-yard practice tee area, and four putting greens. The 16,000 square foot event space features stunning views and full service food and beverage through Tucker’s restaurant. For more information about Gold Mountain Golf Course, visit www.goldmt.com.

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