



THE RTJ JR. COURSE is more forgiving and several holes offer views of rock wall ruins dating back to the Civil War.



Lansdowne Resort and Spa on the Potomac River

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# Create Your Own History at **LANSDOWNE** RESORT AND SPA



THE NORMAN COURSE features bent grass tee to green, is full of wildlife, and if your ball ventures off the fairway, trouble will be at hand.

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LEESBURG, VIRGINIA: Flying into our nation’s capital, with views of the White House and historical monuments, exudes a certain level of pride. Leesburg, a suburb 35 miles northwest of Washington, D.C., is located in an area rich with American history. The Potomac River, skirting through town, is nicknamed “the nation’s river” for its significance throughout the centuries. During the Civil War, the river not only divided the Union from the Confederacy, but also gave name to the Union’s largest army, the Army of the Potomac.

Located a par-5 away from the Potomac River is Lansdowne Resort and Spa with Greg Norman and Robert Trent Jones Jr. designed courses. “Our location is a strong selling point,” explained Laddie Hunter, director of club operations. “Both Dulles [20 minutes] and Reagan [50 minutes] airports are within a manageable drive. We are surrounded by 40 wineries, and history buffs will revel in notable landmarks in every direction.

“Most of our resort rooms offer views of the golf courses with the Potomac River as a backdrop,” continued Hunter. “With our convenient Mid-Atlantic location, the resort’s 55,000 square feet of convention space is a big draw for corporations hosting morning meetings and a golf outing in the afternoon.”

## EXPERTISE IS IN THE BAG

Lansdowne Resort and Spa features a total of 45 holes of golf comprised of Norman and Jones championship

courses and a nine-hole Norman designed, par-32, short course named Shark Bite.

“The landscape surrounding the resort provided me perfect rolling hills, gentle slopes, and beautiful tree vegetation to work with,” revealed Greg Norman. “With several holes so close to the river, I was careful to plan proper drainage without impeding views. On my championship course, by happenstance, holes 6-9 measure exactly a measured mile. I refer to it as ‘the hardest mile in golf.’

“I believe in providing variety for the golfer whenever possible,” continued Norman. “Shark Bite is just that. The nine-hole layout complements my championship design. It provides a *softer* playable feel and has been a huge success.”

At Lansdowne Resort and Spa, the golf department is managed by Troon Golf. Destination Hotels runs its room operations. “Our two companies are the best in the business,” confided Hunter. “Our experience allows us to host more than 100 tournaments annually. Costco’s longtime event raises more than \$1 million each year for charity and one of our newer and growing outings is for the United States Marshals Service.

“No matter which of our 45 holes you play,” concluded Hunter, “finish the afternoon with a local craft IPA at our appropriately named Pub 46 in the clubhouse.” ■

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