



"We've failed, to be quite candid, if we have a signature hole. To me, that basically is saying that you spent all your efforts on that one hole."

—BILL COORE

The Oaks Course

THE INTERNATIONAL

GOLF HISTORY REMASTERED

BOLTON, MASSACHUSETTS: The International (New England's only 36-hole private golf club) originally opened in 1901 as a nine-hole public course called Runaway Brook Golf Club. At one point in time, the original layout of its Pines Course was considered the longest golf course in the world, with one hole, a par-6, measuring 715 yards from the tips.

Paul Celano, PGA Emeritus at The International, is regarded as a bedrock in the industry. He has given over 20,000 lessons/clinics, and 35 golf professionals who worked under his tutelage are now directors of golf at other prestigious golf clubs across the country.

"To say The International is a special place would be an understatement," said Celano. "I've had the privilege to lead golf

operations at some very established, prestigious clubs across the country, reporting to smart, dynamic membership boards and owners. The International, owned by Escalante Golf, is the boldest I have encountered for any golf club or resort that I have associated with.

"Escalante Golf's recent investments have returned the shine to The International," praised Celano. "*The Oaks Course* has been freshened up with laser leveling of tee boxes and rebuilding of bunker complexes, while *The Pines Course* was a complete renovation by Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw."

THE DIFFERENCE IN THEIR DIFFERENCE IS SPECTACULAR

The Oaks Course runs around the perimeter of the property. Traversing rolling hills, you may feel you are playing in the "Old South." Holes No. 3 and 16 offer long-range views of Mt. Monadnock—about 100 miles away in New Hampshire. "One of its special elements is that three of its par-3s have significant downhill elevation changes. It's a solid design and pleasing to the eyes," described Celano.

The Pines Course features fescue fairways that play firm and fast. "I've always considered course shapers on bulldozers to be artists," continued Celano. "Their work shows masterfully on The Pines. It fits so naturally with the topography that it looks like it's been here forever." ■

THE MEMBER COTTAGES

(coming in 2027) represent the next milestone in the club's vision to deliver a rare, complete golf experience—one where the day doesn't end when the sun sets.

"WHILE POUNDING your driver on the practice tee is great fun, it likely won't help lower your handicap. Look at fundamentals before you pick up a club. It's critical to start with proper alignment. It not only determines directional ball flight but also your body's posture. Another tip? Make contact with the little ball [golf ball] before contact with the big ball [earth]."

—PAUL CELANO

The Pines Course



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