

To Whom It May Concern:

Spanish Trail Golf and Country Club was fortunate to secure the professional services of Sam Sakocius, Sakocius Management Group, for the renovation of our Canyon Golf Course. Sam represented the Club in all aspects of the project: working with the designers on plans, value engineering plans, bidding process, contract negotiations, construction management, and the grow-in management to the course re-opening.

Often times the word renovation is used to describe any golf course improvements, but in the case of Spanish Trail's project, the word seems small in the scope of our project. The golf course was literally blown up and put back together. The project entailed all new infrastructure – drainage, new irrigation system including a separate irrigation system for greens, new greens, fairway and rough renovation including an average of 8 inches of fairway plating material and all new sodded turf, new cart paths, new greens, bunkers, tees, 6 new lakes with water features and 19 acres of new landscaping. The unique aspect of the project was to blow it up and put it back together, but to keep the original Robert Trent Jones, Jr. design with only a few desired modifications. The project was a phenomenal success.

The success of the project can only be attributed to Sam Sakocius. Sam's leadership, golf course construction expertise, management and communication skills kept the project in scope, on time, on budget, and completed to the satisfaction of ownership. At all times, his only interest was that of Spanish Trail and the successful completion of the project both toward re-opening goals and the long-term value of the work completed. The knowledge of his craft combined with his ability to look at the big picture makes him an invaluable asset to any project. Even when issues emerged in the project, Sam's ability to trouble shoot was amazing. One might call him a "problem solver," but I think the better term is "solution expert". However, the biggest complement I can give Sam is that through his project due diligence and management, he eliminated issues.

The word "professional" describes Sam as a person. He takes pride in his profession and work. He takes responsibility for every decision made, even when it is made by me. He was a great team member as well as a leader. Moreover, he was a pleasure to work with.

In addition to the Canyon Course project, Sam has also represented the Club with our overall Golf Course Master Plan encompassing our entire 27-hole golf course property. He has been the point consultant leading a team of professionals consisting of a golf course architect, a landscape architect, an irrigation design team, a water feature engineer/designer, and an agronomist as well as Club management and Club Members. He will continue to consult with the Club as we move forward with our improvement plans over the coming years.

I would without reservation recommend Sam Sakocius for any project; project consultant, project management, or project development. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly for any questions regarding Sam Sakocius or the completed project here at Spanish Trail.

Sincerely,



Dominic Guzzo
Chief Operating Officer