## THE CAPITALS GOLF CLUB PIPIRISKES, LITHUANIA

Developer: UAB Sostiniu Golfas Architect: Peter Chamberlain Contractor: UAB Sumeda

32 HITTING STATIONS ON RANGE

258 ACREAGE OF DEVELOPMENT

5 SQ. FOOTAGE OF CLUBHOUSE

NUMBER OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS IN PROJECT

amed for its location in the region that includes the current Lithuanian capital city Vilnius and previous capitals Kaunas, Trakai and Kernave, The Capitals is an excellent beginning to what its developers hope will be an emerging wave of interest in golf in Lithuania. A semi-private course which opened last year, The Capitals had sold over 200 memberships toward a cap of 700 by September of this year and nearly matched its goal of 5,000 rounds in its first full year.

The judges applauded both the course design and the developer's vision.

"The course will be a standard for many years to come in that country," Powers said. "I remember playing a course in China around 10 years or so ago that was the first one built outside the greater Hong Kong area. I remember some of us thinking the course was a little "quaint" by U.S. standards, but that it would set the tone for golf in less urban areas of the country, and it did. That is vision!"

Course architect Russell admired both the "pleasant, playable layout" and agreed that the finished product matched the stated vision and goals of the developers admirably.



