

Maples of Ballantrae

Resort complex is multi-faceted

By CHRIS SHANAHAN
BALLANTRAE — If you're hoping to find a weekend room at the Maples of Ballantrae Lodge, you'd better book ahead. Since it opened in late July, Whitechurch-Stouffville's first and only motor hotel has been doing a brisk business. While there are vacancies during the week, Saturday and Sundays are usually booked solid. And that's encouraging news for Mike Wade, who owns the \$1.5 million facility on Hwy. 48 south of Ballantrae. The well-known Stouffville developer has built the multi-faceted lodge complex beside the picturesque 17th hole of his three-year-old golf course. The combined recreational

facility/lodge enables Maples to provide a full range of golf tours and resort packages. A restaurant and 400-seat banquet hall are among features nearing completion. So far, the motor inn has attracted everyone from Bell Canada workers to visitors here to attend special events like weddings and anniversaries. And a lot of customers are staying at the Maples while attending equestrian events in the Stouffville area. "We're surprised by the number of people coming from all over North America for horse shows in this area," Mr. Wade said. A total of 14 guest rooms are completed with another 10 still to be finished on the upper level

of the two-storey white pine structure. "We keep finishing the rooms as we need them," noted Mr. Wade, adding that another 30 or 40 units are planned in a second phase. "It's the first motor hotel in the town and one of the few on a golf course." A range of attractive suites — the cheapest single going for \$29 a night — are equipped with fireplaces while some can also accommodate business meetings. A whirlpool and fitness room are also featured in the main lodge. The Maples operation is very much a family affair with Mr. Wade's wife, Shirley, and daughters Judy and Kathy playing an integral part. Judy serves as manager and Kathy handles the marketing needs among other duties. This arrangement is especially beneficial in the early stages, according to Mr. Wade, because it keeps staff requirements at a minimum.

Toronto restaurateur Ralph Clemens will run the lodge's restaurant, lounge and banquet hall, plus a snackbar and separate clubhouse. He plans to offer a predominantly country fare when the

restaurant opens in early January. A spacious downstairs banquet area and kitchen is expected to be available for a wide range of golf and other social functions this April. Booking are already being accepted.

Maples golf pro Tom Aird is also working closely with the resort package end of the operation. And a 31-lot estate residential subdivision is also underway on the site.

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New resort
 Mike Wade (left) and daughter Judy Brown are part of the family team that owns and operates Whitechurch-Stouffville's first motor hotel complex — Maples of Ballantrae. They're shown in front of the chalet-type structure, located on Hwy. 48 south of Aurora Road.
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