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### **Raritan Landing's New Restaurant Magnifies Economic Recovery The Sand Trap Grill becomes a Profitable Venture for Family Seeking Work**

**PISCATAWAY** –If an economic uptick is afoot, then the Raritan Landing Golf Course might be a fairly accurate barometer of that recovery.

The 18-hole golf course, located on Sidney Road in Piscataway, officially welcomed The Sand Trap Grill to its Club House on May 2.

Members of the Capizzo family, who describe themselves as a retiree, a student and until recently, one of the unemployed masses, have signed on as the staff of this newly formed business venture.

With family by his side, 22-old-Andrew Capizzo opened the restaurant in hopes of serving up American-style cuisine to a dependable flow of hungry golfers and visitors. He's currently training to become a private pilot, and spends most of his days running the front counter of The Sand Trap, depending on this first entrepreneurship as his primary source of income.

"Business is off to a great start," said Andrew's father, 59-year-old retiree, Vito Capizzo, who plays a supervisory role at the Grill. "Since we've been open the customers have been great and they are really happy we are here."

Vito Capizzo's eldest son, Michael Capizzo – who like his father, was a former New York City high-rise union carpenter – recently found himself among the ranks of the unemployed.

But with new prospects, the 38-year-old has potentially discovered a second career as the man behind the apron, not too mention many of the recipes that have new customers coming back for seconds and the usuals asking for their usual.

As far as management is concerned, the newcomer at the course is a great addition to Raritan Landing.

"It's drawing people in from not only the greens, but the surrounding area too," said Rick Dalina, manager of golf facilities at the course. "It's really helping us to promote Raritan Landing."

In fact, the Grill is serving up a variety of classic favorites to famished players and visitors alike – everything from morning egg dishes to hot and cold subs to salads, bagels and muffins, 8-oz. burgers, chicken wings, French fries and so much more.

But ask any one of the Capizzo clan which dish they would most recommend and patrons will likely be directed to the hot sausage and pepper hoagie – although Andrew Capizzo confesses a slight affinity for the cheese steak.

As far as the cold cuts go, patriarch Vito Capizzo had one simple explanation as to why the Grill religiously serves one brand and one brand only, Veroli Meats.

"Because that's what I serve to my family at home," he said.

While location is everything, the elder Capizzo said the Raritan Landing Golf Course, which is operated by the Middlesex County Improvement Authority, continues to provide a steady stream of customers as well as opportunity for growth.

"I would be more than happy at 5:30 p.m. to throw on the white table cloths and serve a dinner – baby back ribs, meatballs and sausage, you name it," Vito Capizzo said of his after-hour offerings. "The staff here have been awesome and the starters are just wonderful guys. I have no complaints."

In addition to its most recent attraction, The Sand Trap Grill, Raritan Landing management is happy to announce that since the South Randolphville Road bridge construction ended in early spring; golfers are once again finding their way back to the course.

For more information or directions to the Raritan Landing Golf Course, call 609-885-9600 or log onto [www.mciauth.com/raritan\\_landing.htmor](http://www.mciauth.com/raritan_landing.htmor).

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