

Obama tees off at Mahogany Run

Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Barack Obama enjoyed a leisurely round of golf with friends and associates on Mahogany Run Golf Course this spring.

His visit over the Easter holiday weekend marked Obama's second trip to the U.S. Virgin Islands within the year.

No stranger to dignitaries and famous celebrities, Mahogany Run has hosted former president Bill Clinton twice, Tiger Woods, Hank Aaron, John Travolta, Bill Gates and hundreds of sports celebrities.

Mahogany Run Golf Course,

which was designed by George and Tom Fazio and opened in 1980, has long been touted as one of the Caribbean's most challenging courses because of its narrow, hilly fairways and compact greens.

Adding to the difficulty are the course's three signature holes, affectionately named the "Devil's Triangle," which hug the craggy shoreline above the Caribbean Sea and boast a spectacular down-island landscape.

When asked how he played the course, Obama replied, "with difficulty."



Sen. Barack Obama poses with Mahogany Run General Manager Kristine Macken and Director of Golf Nevin Phillips while visiting St. Thomas over the Easter weekend.