



PGA NATIONAL RESORT & SPA RENOVATES PALMER COURSE

NEW OWNERSHIP CONTINUES CREATION OF A CHAMPIONSHIP GOLF EXPERIENCE

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FL (FALL 2007) – Following on the heels of the 2006 renovation of the Nicklaus-designed Champion Course in preparation for the Honda Classic, Walton Street Capital, L.L.C. has confirmed a significant investment in the renovation of the General Course, designed by Arnold Palmer, to include major physical enhancements to the course, as well as improvements in guest comfort. Under the direction of the Arnold Palmer Golf Course Design Group, plans call for renovations and redesign of the General Course to be complete by December 1, 2007.

Committed to “doing whatever it takes” to position PGA National Resort as the best golf destination in Florida, the new ownership envisions similar renovation projects for each of the resort’s five courses. “We want professional and amateur golfers alike to know that PGA National not only has five golf courses – it has five *championship* golf courses, any one of which could qualify for a professional golf event,” says Joel Paige, managing director of the resort.

Renovations to the popular General Course include a new irrigation system, ensuring the success of the course’s new state-of-the-art grass, Champion Turf Bermuda; re-designed native landscaping; re-shaped and re-built holes and bunkers; and all new laser-leveled tee locations featuring a minimum of four tees per hole. The project will also improve the course’s cart paths and upgrade its restrooms, shelters, signage and recycling / refuse options.

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“Perhaps one of the most interesting enhancements is an all-new double fairway design off the number 12 hole allowing golfers to choose two completely different approaches to the hole,” adds Paige. “Golfers choosing the lower fairway face a longer carry over water, but a shorter distance to the green – making the number 12 challenging, exciting, and potentially reachable par 5. The higher fairway option, which is separated by an expansive bunker, features a more conventional par 5 dog leg.”

“The General is a terrific course and popular among golfers of every skill level,” said Paige. “And these enhancements will make it all the better and certainly up to the high expectations of today’s discerning golfer.”

The renovated course will be measured for new distances and is expected to finish at over 7,000 yards off the back tees.

About The General Course

Named for its designer, the legendary Arnold Palmer, The General Course is currently the most forgiving for the "grip it and rip it" style of play. The name of the course is a reference to Palmer’s legions of fans throughout the world who were commonly known as "Arnie's Army."

The General Course is a subtle nod to the game's Scottish roots with links-style routing, numerous grass bunkers, and the sharing of a common green on holes 8 and 12. The open fairways and larger greens are quite accommodating, allowing the golfer to not become overly penalized for missing the fairway or primary rough.



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There is a considerable amount of fairway mounding throughout the course, so the golfer is often challenged with uneven lies. The General Course has a great series of finishing holes with the 18th hole being one of the most difficult and most picturesque par 5s on the property. Spanning 120 acres, the course has 49 sand bunkers and water hazards on 16 out of 18 holes. The General is a par 72.

New home to the Honda Classic, PGA National Resort & Spa is the legendary site of more professional golf events than any other resort in America. With the headquarters of the Professional Golfers Association of America (PGA) on site, it is fitting that the resort has been host to over 19 major PGA championship events including the 1987 PGA Championship, the 1983 Ryder Cup matches, the 1982 Grand Slam and close to two decades of the PGA Seniors Championship. In addition to its five 18-hole master-designed golf courses, the PGA National Resort golf experience includes a full service, professional tournament staff, a comprehensive caddie program and the Golf Digest Academy of Instruction.

About PGA National Resort and Spa

Developed as the centerpiece of a 2,340-acre luxury residential community, PGA National Resort and Spa includes 339 luxury guest rooms, a multi-million dollar 40,000 square foot Spa with the renowned *Waters of the World* collection of outdoor mineral pools, an extensive program of tennis instruction and competition on its 19 Har-Tru tennis courts, a 33,000 square foot Health & Racquet Club with personal trainers and a wide range of classes, five professional croquet lawns, multiple dining options, 34,000 square feet of meeting facilities and a resort pool which fronts a 26-acre lake. Extensive resort-wide renovations are expected to be completed in January 2008.

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