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PGA National Resort & Spa's Champion Course to Undergo Major Renovation

(PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla.) – [PGA National Resort & Spa](#) – South Florida's world-class golf, vacation and spa destination – announces its acclaimed Champion Course will close on June 4, 2018 for a major rebuilding and re-grassing of its greens.

In addition to comprehensively redesigning the course in 2002, Jack Nicklaus also directed the redesign of The Champion's 14th hole in 2014. Home of the Honda Classic, the famed and feared first stop on the PGA TOUR's "Florida Swing," the layout is perhaps best known for its renowned "Bear Trap" – a series of three demanding holes many considered the toughest stretch in the game.

In its rich history, the course has hosted the Ryder Cup, PGA Championship, several years of the Senior PGA Championship and the Honda Classic for the past 11 years.

Under the direct supervision of Mr. Nicklaus, PGA National's director of agronomy, Brad Nelson, will be collaborating and working closely with preeminent Nicklaus Design Associates. The course will open later this year.

Adjacent to the tee of the daunting first hole, The Champion Course's outstanding driving range was significantly upgraded and now includes a secluded section for PGA TOUR pros to practice their short game as well as greenside and fairway bunker play. The new pristine area garnered rave reviews from the players in this year's Honda Classic.

"Our owners, Walton Street Capital, have continually strived to improve and enhance and our world-class golf assets," says Greg Saunders, Vice President, Managing Director. "These vital and substantial upgrades and improvements will greatly benefit our coveted guests and partners, including PGA TOUR players competing in the Honda Classic, our valued members and their families, as well as resort guests."

The legendary destination also features four additional first-class layouts: The Palmer, The Fazio, The Squire and The Estates. All will be open for play during the renovation. The newly transformed Palmer Course, originally designed by legendary Arnold Palmer, reopened last November after undergoing a comprehensive renovation to rave reviews.

Additionally, PGA National offers the David Leadbetter Golf Academy and David Pelz Scoring Game School for individual instruction and group clinics; Every Ball Counts – the world's first science-based, statistics-driven training system for golf improvement offered at its off-site Estates Course; and state-of-the-art club fitting at the PGA National Club Fitting Lab.

For more information, please visit www.pgaresort.com or call 800.863.2819.

About PGA National Resort & Spa

Located in South Florida's Palm Beach Gardens and fresh off a comprehensive multimillion-dollar revitalization, PGA National Resort & Spa is a world-class vacation and meetings destination. It presents 90 holes of championship golf on five courses, including the famed Champion Course, home to the popular PGA TOUR Honda Classic and legendary "Bear Trap" three-hole stretch.

PGA National recently opened its new 33,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art Sports & Racquet Club. It features the latest exercise equipment, indoor racquetball court, three aerobics studios with new sound systems, five-lane saltwater lap pool, spin room with video road mapping, indoor volleyball court, two Pickleball / POP and 19 Har-Tru tennis courts (11 lit for night play). The new Johan Kriek Tennis Academy is managed by the two-time Australian Open champion and caters to elite juniors with focus on stroke production, point construction, match play, video analyses, fitness, gym and mental training.

Luxury overnight suites are ideal for weddings, leisure and business golf, as well as frequent spa treatments. The resort's versatility includes: a lakeside wedding and event setting with stunning vistas; the 3,000 square-foot iDeck terrace for indoor / outdoor dining and entertaining; "Bar 91" 19th hole grill; 40,000 square feet of self-contained conference and event space; and eight on-site restaurants and lounges, including the acclaimed Ironwood Steak & Seafood.

The Spa at PGA National is a 40,000-square-foot oasis of tranquility with 32 treatment rooms and relaxation lounges, 100 diverse pampering options, the exclusive "Waters of the World" outdoor mineral pools and full-service salon.

Convenient to major Florida population centers, the AAA Four Diamond resort is 15 minutes from Palm Beach International Airport, one hour from Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport and 90 minutes from Miami International Airport.

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