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PGA National Resort & Spa [Palm Beach Gardens]

Celebrating the completion of its \$40 million facelift, PGA National Resort & Spa is renowned as one of South Florida's most legendary golf destinations. In addition to being the new home of the Honda Classic, past host of the Ryder Cup, PGA Championship and a litany of other prized professional tournaments, players can revel in the luxurious atmosphere this resort emanates.

On the links, PGA National's signature Palmer course, named in honor of its designer Arnold Palmer, received extensive renovations during the resort's rejuvenation. The Palmer has a new irrigation system, several re-shaped holes, new tee locations and bunkers, and enhanced landscaping featuring native and water conserving plants. The Arnold Palmer Design Company led the scope of the golf course's renovations. The renovation of the Palmer was followed by completion of an update of the Championship course, which received its second renovation in two years. "PGA National Resort & Spa truly is a new experience," says

James Gelfand, VP of Sales & Marketing. "The world's best golf is joined by an amazing array of leisure, fitness and relaxation opportunities for the entire family. And the improvements have only just begun."

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Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club [Tampa]

When entrepreneur Sheila C. Johnson and her hospitality company, Salamander Hospitality, purchased Innisbrook July 2007, they immediately began the renovation of the Island Course, already rated 4.5 stars out of a perfect 5 by Golf Digest's Places to Play.

Johnson commented, "The Island Course was designed on a very beautiful and unique parcel of land with one of the highest points of elevation in Pinellas County. This course is dramatically striking in both beauty and challenge. We knew right away we could take this course to a new level with the right scope of renovation and make it deserving of national acclaim."

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Island has hosted the Southern Amateur, the NCAA Golf Championships, four Florida Opens and numerous USGA tournaments. The course opened during the week of October 7-13, 2007 to host over 700 amateur golfers from 69 U.S. cities competing in the Golf Channel Amateur Tour National Finals.

Now the resort is proud to announce that golf at Innisbrook has just gotten better. After \$1.7 million in renovations, the Island Course has officially reopened and offers what may be the resort's most impressive layout...and that's mighty praise considering Innisbrook's Copperhead Course is a favorite among the PGA TOUR players who arrive each March to compete in the PODS Championship.

Now newly over seeded and in tournament condition, Island has been lengthened to 7,310 yards, with a par of 71. Golfers are sure to find great challenge at the extended 11th hole, now playing 530 yards - one of the longest par fours in the country. Island now sports all new Tif Eagle greens - the same putting surfaces as Copperhead. Additional improvements include new cart paths, course signage, bunkers, irrigation systems, new tree plantings and finer landscaping throughout.

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Bay Hill Club & Lodge [Orlando]

Golfers who challenge Bay Hill Club & Lodge's 18-hole championship course experience the vicarious thrill of following in the fairway footsteps of the world's greatest golfers who descend each year on Arnold Palmer's famous links to compete in the prestigious PGA TOUR's® Arnold Palmer Invitational tournament (formerly the Bay Hill Invitational).

Ranked among the world's very best, Bay Hill's Champion, Challenger and Charger links feature 27 holes stretched across 270 acres that snake along the shores of the Butler Chain of Lakes, long considered one of the most pristine waterways in Central Florida. "It's a demanding test of golf for pros and amateurs alike, but eminently fair," said Brian Dorn, the Bay Hill Club & Lodge's director of golf. Originally designed by Dick Wilson and Joe Lee in 1961, Bay Hill gained an immediate reputation as "a very hard golf course," Dorn said. "The course was long, with fairways skirted by palmettos and dense undergrowth. Many golfers who hit their ball off line decided not to venture into the tangled undergrowth because of all the snakes. Today, the course, which plays almost 7,400 yards when tees are set all the way back, challenges even the best golfers with super-slick TifEagle® putting surfaces,

a ballswallowing rough and a layout that rewards strategic shotmaking, but punishes those who gamble rashly. "This is a tough, demanding golf course. You have to drive the ball fairly long and accurately," Dorn said. "But it's also a straightforward layout. You never feel like there are any tricky hazards, bunkers and mounding that make it impossible to get up and down. "For a true golfer, there's nothing like going to a course where PGA champions have walked and played the same holes," Dorn added. "It gives you a chance to try to duplicate the shots of some of the greatest players in the game."

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>**Sugar Mill Country Club** [New Smyrna Beach]

Ideal for avid sports enthusiast, Sugar Mill members are proud of the club's 27-hole Championship course, first class tennis facility, exceptionally fine dining and secluded locations accessible to all of central Florida. Membership in the Country Club is separate and independent of home ownership in Sugar Mill Estates.

Just like a good neighbor Sugar Mill Country Club was there for The Hospice of Volusia/Flagler's Traumatic Loss program. Members rallied for the sixth consecutive year donating more than \$86,450. This recent outing brings Sugar Mill's total contribution to a much appreciated and well used \$400,000.

To find out about or assist in the seventh annual Hospice Golf Tournament at Sugar Mill Country Club on April 24, 2009 call the Country Club at **386-426-5200**.

>**The Links at Greenfield Plantation** [Bradenton]

The Links in Bradenton offers the rare mix of championship golf, excellent course conditions and competitive rates. Ideal for families, this golf course provides the entire family, including the kids, with separate tees, which allows families to play together and keep up with each other. For information call **941-747-9432** or visit www.linksatgreenfieldplantation.com.

>**Charity Golf Classic at Old Memorial Golf Club** [Tampa]

On May 4, 2009, join Tampa's Lowry Park Zoo for the sixth annual Charity Golf Classic, presented by Outback Steakhouse, at exclusive Old Memorial Golf Club, one of Golf Magazine's top 100 U.S. courses. The outing commences with a shotgun start at noon, along with closest-to-the-pin, longest drive and putting contests.

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