Player Design Co. President Jim Applegate said: "We consider (the Pinehurst project) a feather in our cap... Gary intends to spend as much time as possible there. It is located on routes getting to and from tournaments. "Given all the nostalgia, the Hall of Fame, and the other great architects who have been at Pinehurst, it will be hard to keep him away. This is high on his list." Applegate said the site "is extremely nice rolling property woodsy and "lawns." He said Player's design will bring "normalcy." He said the success of that style of golf at Player's Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head National courses "speaks for itself. People keep coming back and coming back to play it. "When they leave the course they don't feel like they've been beat up by a Mack truck." Player was to do the initial walk-through on the site on April 24 and construction should begin late this fall, Applegate said. Jeff Myers, head of the Player design department, is project designer. An Ohio State University agronomy and landscape architecture graduate, Myers is a nephew and apprentice of architect Karl Linnen. He has been with Player eight years.

The construction contract will go out to bid to two or three experienced companies in the Pinehurst area, Applegate said. Player has retained ClubCorp Realty of Dallas to supervise construction, according to George J. Blonsky Jr., managing director of PineWeld and senior vice president of ClubCorp, which owns Pinehurst Resort and Country Club.

Saying the agreement between PineWeld and Player was the result of several months of planning, Blonsky added: "It is a major coup to bring the International Ambassador of Golf here to design a championship signature course for our community. It will positively influence the future tradition of golf at Pinehurst."

**Pinehurst #6 opens after redesign work**

Pinehurst (N.C.) Resort and Country Club officially reopened its championship No. 6 golf course on March 1, after eight months' work redesigning all of its greens and four fairways.

The original No. 6 greens were removed, then enlarged and recontoured to reflect the character of each hole. The four fairways were redesigned to enhance their playability. "In 1979, under previous ownership and due to budget limitations, No. 6 was constructed with smaller greens than designer Tom Fazio wanted," said Don Padgett, Pinehurst director of golf operations. "With Tom's input, the redesigning makes No. 6 an even better course than it was because the new greens and fairways allow for increased playability."

Pinehurst No. 6 is a 7,098-yard, par 72 course, with a 74.5 rating. Officials also upgraded No. 6's driving range and added a new putting green, new golf carts, cart storage facilities and clubhouse.

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