Tour 18 recreates selection of best holes in the nation

HOUSTON — Orville and Wilbur Wright never dreamed their flying machines would make it possible to re-create No. 6 at Pebble Beach, a hole that Texas businessman Jack Hair dreams of recreating in his new course. The Houston group bought engineering plans from the original builders and construction companies involved in the projects.

The only thing builders won't recreate are bentgrass greens. Texas heat and heavy traffic dictated the use of TifDwarf Bermuda. The group started with a list of 300-plus holes and narrowed it to the following 18:

No. 1: 18 at Harbour Town
No. 2: 6 at Bay Hill
No. 3: 3 at Pinehurst No. 2
No. 4: 18 at Inverness
No. 5: 11 at Augusta National
No. 6: 12 at Augusta National
No. 7: 13 at Augusta National
No. 8: 4 at La Costa
No. 9: 17 at TPC-Sawgrass
No. 10: 10 at Desert Inn
No. 11: 6 at Disney World
No. 12: 3 at Colonial
No. 13: 14 at Pebble Beach
No. 14: 3 at Oakmont
No. 15: 10 at the Olympic Club
No. 16: 11 at Merion
No. 17: 8 at Oak Tree
No. 18: 18 at Doral

RDC has copyrighted its name and plans to build at least 10 similar tracks all over the country, each with different holes depending on the available terrain.

PGA sponsors minority summer intern program

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.— The PGA Tour has established an annual summer internship program for minority students that begins this year.

Fifteen paid internships will be available from June 15 through Aug. 14 for male and female African-American, Asian-American, Native American and Hispanic students. Eight of the internships will be based in or around PGA Tour headquarters. Two are with PGA Tour Productions, one is in the communications department, another is in data processing, and one is available in golf course design.

Three others are available at the TPC at Sawgrass in the food and beverage, professional services and course maintenance areas.

Two internships have been established with the Tour's promotions area, and will involve traveling the Tour week-to-week. Another position will be based in Pinehurst, N.C., and will focus on helping organize-promote the Tour championship.

Four other opportunities have been arranged outside the PGA Tour. Single positions are available at both Golf Digest and Golf World Magazine in Trumbull, Conn.; one in Princeton, N.J.; with the Merrill Lynch Shoot-out program; and one will be based with the Centel Western Open in Chicago.

"One of the goals of this program is to increase awareness in the minority community of the wide range of business opportunities within the golf industry, beyond just the competitive side," said PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman.

“We’re pleased with the diversity of opportunities we’re able to make available in the first year of the program.”

Qualifying criteria for the positions vary, but in general the program seeks juniors and seniors with interests in golf and solid academic histories.

The Tour has retained Stringer Marketing Group to help process applications and administer the program. Parties interested in receiving an application form should contact Karen Durden at: PGA Tour, 112 TPC Blvd., Ponte Vedra, Fla.