PGA’s Brooks designing daily-fee Ft. Worth layout

FORT WORTH, Texas — Mark Brooks Golf has announced construction has begun on Southern Oaks Golf Club, an upscale daily-fee facility located 15 minutes south of downtown Fort Worth. Featuring an 18-hole layout designed by 1996 PGA Champion Mark Brooks, the facility will also include an expansive 15-acre practice and teaching area, an 8,400-square-foot clubhouse and an indoor/outdoor pavilion with seating for more than 200 that will be used for tournaments and corporate outings.

Brooks was able to take advantage of the site’s natural landscape and wooded areas because golf course routing was given a top priority by developer, Timberchase Development Co.

“The routing is the heartbeat of any course, and in many cases, is the only permanent feature of a golf course,” said Brooks. “The Southern Oaks project will benefit tremendously from its natural environment, and I look forward to creating the centerpiece of this unique community.”

Nine holes at Southern Oaks are strictly core golf. Only three holes will have home sites on both sides, but will be buffered by 300- to 350-foot-wide corridors. Alternate routes of play and multiple tee boxes have been incorporated into the par-71 design, allowing the yardage to vary from 5,500 to over 7,200 yards.

The 300-acre course and practice facility will be at the center of a planned residential community developed by Timberchase.

Wadsworth Golf Construction Co. of Plainfield, Ill., is building the course. Southern Oaks will be managed by Mark Brooks Golf and is scheduled to open for play on Oct. 1.

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