

## Extensive renovations planned for Tampa's Innisbrook

TAMPA BAY, Fla.— Tampa Bay's Westin Innisbrook Resort will make extensive renovations to its Copperhead Golf Course, which is home to the 1999 JC Penney Classic and a newly announced PGA Tour event to be held Oct. 16-22, 2000.

The par-71 course will reopen Sept. 21 after the refurbishment of all 18 greens, bunker renovations and tee-area extensions. Upon completion, the course will increase in length from 7,087 yards to over 7,200 yards.

Jay Overton, host professional and facility manager for Troon Golf at The Westin Innisbrook Resort, commented that completing the renovations in time for the 1999 JC Penney Classic will "show how effective these improvements have been in advance of next year's PGA Tour event." He also said the 18th hole will be lengthened by over 25 vards, the green-side bunker complex reconstructed and green recontoured and expanded to accept shots from longer irons.

## Haskell to design three military projects

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.— The Haskell Co. has been selected by the United States Army Community & Family Support Center (USACFSC) to provide design-build services for three golf courses. The USACFSC is a Department of Defense non-appropriated fund entity, which manages major construction projects for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) activities on military bases worldwide.

The projects include an 18hole renovation at Parris Island, the U.S. Marine Corps training base in South Carolina, and two nine-hole additions to courses at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga., and Fort Lee in Hopewell, Va. The projects are scheduled for completion in late summer 2000.

## RYAN GOL SIGNS ON FOR FLORIDA TRACK

ORLANDC, Fla. — RyanGolf of Deerfield Beach, Fla., has been awarded the site development and golf course construction contracts for Stoneybrook West. This is a new golf course and community to be built in Orlando by US Home Corp. The 18-hole championship course was designed by Arthur Hills and will be open for play winter 2000.

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"We'll spend in excess of \$500,000 for the renovation of the Copperhead course in advance for this year's JC Penney Classic," commented Westin Innisbrook Resort's General Manager Michael Welly. "Significant improvements will help protect the integrity of the Larry Packard-designed course," Westin Innisbrook Resort's head golf course superintendent Rob Giampietro said the renovation includes installing a Tifeagle putting surface, modernizing the greens' irrigation system, and rebuilding several



greenside bunker complexes. Also included in the renovations is the installation of continual cart paths on the Copperhead with an emphasis away from play to protect the fairway playing surface prior to scheduled tournaments. Situated on more than 1,000 acres of rolling hills on Florida's west central coast, The Westin Innisbrook Resort features 90 holes of golf, 1,000 suite accommodations, five onsite restaurants and entertainment, The Innisbrook Troon Golf School, 11 tennis courts, fitness center, six swimming pools, a nature preserve and three conference centers featuring 65,000 square feet of meeting space.

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