

New Rees Jones design opens in Houston

HOUSTON—The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa has opened its resort-style golf course, The Houstonian Golf Club.

The Houstonian Golf Club is part of an extensive project by course architect Rees Jones.

The Houstonian Golf Club is located southwest of Houston off of FM 1464 in Fort Bend County. The 18-hole, par-72 course will play host to guests of The Houstonian Hotel, Club &

Spa, meeting attendees, Houstonian Club members and tournament players. Tee times will be structured around 12-minute intervals to prevent overcrowding, while enhancing the entire golf experience.

The club also has an 18,000-square-foot, Mediterranean-style clubhouse, a full-service pro shop, five conference rooms, a mixed grille, outdoor patio and an on-site chef.

Ariz.'s Camelback to receive facelift

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Camelback Golf Club at Marriott's Camelback Inn will be enhanced with a complete redesign of the Padre Course and practice range, along with an expanded clubhouse, pro shop and restaurant. The project is managed by Arthur Hills/Steve Forrest and Associates.

The Padre Course will be a parkland setting. The course will be lengthened by 300 yards and three new lakes will be added. While some holes will maintain their current routing, others will be re-routed to increase the overall playability, competitiveness and appeal.

The new clubhouse will be expanded to nearly 36,000 square feet and will feature an executive board room and a permanent outdoor pavilion.

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SC's Tidewater completes green, bunker updates

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Tidewater Golf Club has completed a three-month renovation project and reopened for public play. The renovation was undertaken as part of Tidewater's 10th anniversary celebration.

During the renovation, greens were replanted with A-1, an improved variety of bentgrass that is more tolerant of the Southeastern climate. The bunkers were rebuilt under the supervision of original golf course designer Ken Tomlinson and white Feldspar sand was added. Cosmetic improvements, such as landscaping, were made to the remainder of the course.

Troon Golf manages the Tidewater course.

Cala may buy Oklahoma links

OKLAHOMA CITY — Cala Corp., an international hospital-ity firm, has offered to buy the members' stock ownership position in Twin Hills Golf & Country Club here. The club's board of directors must first approve the offer and submit it to a vote of the members.

Twin Hills was designed by Perry Maxwell and opened in 1921. It hosted the 1936 PGA Championship.

If its offer is accepted, Cala plans to have the design firm of Wimberly Allison Tong & Goo renovate the property.

IRWIN TO DESIGN ILLINOIS GOLF FACILITY

BELLEVILLE, Ill. — Local developer Travis Kely has submitted plans to build an 18-hole, 114-lot golf course community on 328 acres here. Plans are to begin construction of the \$7-million project in June. Hale Irwin will design the course.