

Archer conquers Fazio gem, the remodeled Bayou Club

LARGO, Fla. — George Archer may not have stolen the thunder from the pre-grand opening of the heralded Bayou Club, but the PGA Senior Tour star merited a full share of the glittering spotlight.

Archer's recent 18-hole exhibition round to showcase the championship course turned into a tour de force while highlighting course designer Tom Fazio's meticulously-groomed layout devoid of first-year rough spots.

"Archer's 10-under-par 62 score

'will stand forever,' " exclaimed awestruck Brad Stevenson, assistant to head pro Tom West. Stevenson noted that while Archer holed out from a sand trap on the fifth hole to aid his card cause, he didn't hole any long putts. "Iron shots covering the flag did the job," Stevenson said.

The course opened for members the next day. Though they settled for less spectacular results, all marveled at the course's splendid condition.



Tom Fazio, center, receives the Architect of the Year Award for 1990 from Golf Course News Publisher Charles E. von Brecht. At left is Bayou Club President Rand Gentry

Davey Johnson adding golf to Celebrity Resorts in Fla.

WINTER PARK, Fla. — Davey Johnson, former New York Mets baseball manager, now is taking his executive swings in the golf field.

Johnson founded Celebrity Resorts Inc., which has entered into a lease agreement to develop a three-hole golf facility as an additional recreation unit associated with its Celebrity Fish Camp now under construction near Ocala.

Johnson, president and chief executive officer, noted that the golf facility will add another dimension to the development now under way on Orange Lake, 11 miles north of Ocala.

The course, as well as 75 to 125 permanent housing units, will accommodate visiting athletes and guests.

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Environmental Protection Agency in Seattle, in the former test a copper lid is placed over the material to be tested. This, he said, could produce its own share of metal residue to the mix, and possibly skew the results. He explained that EPA was going to use the TCLP method as its standard test.

With the granting of the dredging permit, work will begin immediately on the operation. Steve Wheeler, director of corporate communications for the resort, said he did not know how long it would take, but was still anticipating an opening day of April 1 at the golf course.

"It will be a 'soft' opening," he said, "with only guests of the resort and the Holiday Inn (also Hagadone-owned) allowed to play. It will open to the public on May 1. Greens fees will be \$65 for resort guests and \$100 for the public."

The fees, he said, include cart and range balls.

The entire course has been designed in such a way that no contaminants can enter the lake. Any matter, from water to pesticides, applied to the floating green are collected after percolation and pumped inland to holding tanks. Runoff water from the cart paths is likewise collected and pumped inland. At Fernan Creek, which parallels the 11th fairway, a large berm separates it from the playing area. The creek is a delicate fish spawning stream.

Pitman said that as the dredging progresses, work and materials will be closely monitored by his agency as well as the Division of Environmental Quality, a branch of the state Health Department.

Coeur d'Alene's floating 14th green may at last have found safe haven from the stormy seas it created.

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