The Big Four Breakdown

DF= public; PR= private; R= resort; RE= residential; SP= semi-private

Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta National (RE) — Dye CC of the South(RE) — Nicklaus St. Ives (RE) — Fazio

Austin, Texas

Austin CC (PR) — Dye 1984 Barton Creek - Fazio Course (R) -Fazio 1986 Barton Creek - Lakeside Course (R) -

Hills of Lakeway (R) — Nicklaus 1981

Charleston, S.C. Kiawah Island-Turtle Point (R) — Nicklaus Kiawah Island-Osprey Point (R) — Fazio Kiawah Island-Ocean Course (R) — Dye

Hilton Head, S.C.

Colleton River Plantation — Nicklaus Harbour Town Golf Links (SP) - Dye Moss Creek — Fazio Sea Pines Plantation GC's Club Course

Jacksonville, Fla.

Amelia Island (R/DF) — Fazio Plantation Club (Sawgrass) (RE) — Tournament Players Club at Sawgrass (DF) — Dye

Michigan

Grand Traverse Resort - The Bear (R) -Nicklaus Shanty Creek — Palmer Treetops (R) — Fazio

Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Debordieu Colony CC (PR) — Dye Pawley's Plantation (PR) - Nicklaus Myrtle Beach National GC (3) -Waschesaw (PR) - Fazio

Newport Beach, Calif./

San Diego, Calif. Aviara Golf Course (R) — Palmer Dove Canyon — Nicklaus Pelican Hill (R) — Fazio The Farms — Dye

Orlando, Fla.

Eagle Pines (R) — Dye Grand Cy[ress (R) — Nicklaus Islesworth G&CC (PR) — Palmer Osprey Ridge (R) — Fazio

Palm Beach, Fla.

Emerald Dunes (R) — Fazio Ibis G&CC — The Legend — Nicklaus Loxahatchee (PR) — Nicklaus Old Marsh (PR) — Dye PGA National - The General Course (R) - Palmer

Palm Springs, Calif.

PGA West - Stadium Course (R)— Dye PGA West - Resort (R) — Nicklaus PGA West - Palmer (R) — Palmer Vintage Club (PR) — Fazio

Pinehurst, N.C.

Pinehurst No. 6 (R) — Fazio Pinehurst National C (PR) — Nicklaus Pinehurst Plantation — Palmer

Tucson, Ariz.

Karsten GC (DF) — Dye La Paloma — Nicklaus Ventana Canyon (R) — Fazio

Vero Beach, Fla.

John's Island Club (PR) — Dye John's Island West (PR) — Fazio Orchid Island — Palmer

Wilmington, N.C.

Landfall — Dye Landfall — Nicklaus Porter's Neck — Fazio

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year in an effort "to fix up to keep up" with the competition.

Variety and competition are factors to which golfers can relate, and the attraction of big-name architects is not lost on the people marketing these courses.

Myron Klement, head pro at the Nicklaus-designed Hills of Lakeway in Austin since 1987, said golfers get a kick out of playing and comparing the Nicklaus course with the Fazio, Palmer and Dye tracks in town. Barton Creek's Lakeside Course designed by Palmer in 1988 and Fazio Course, built in 1986, are resort courses, as is Hills of Lakeway, which opened in 1981.

For "destination resorts," having major golf names attached to several courses "strengthens the whole area," said Harker.

Seay calls it "the draw of notori-

"But it depends on the market," said Harker. "In Phoenix it's an advantage, but the challenge is that in some markets there is an oversupply of courses."

DESIGNING HEAD TO HEAD

"I know good and well that Tommy and Jack feel the same way: Give us each a corner at a major intersection," said Seay.

"I think everybody gets better and pays more attention. Everybody benefits, first from the way we approach the design. We want to make sure what we are doing is not seen on these other courses...

Secondly, when you go into these areas with all these great golf courses, you'll probably never find better conditions... This exchange of variety is the healthiest thing that can happen to the development of golf."

"Usually a standard has been set if they've [other designers] already been there," Fazio said. "It makes you work harder. If you're the first one in, you have to set the standard because everybody's always comparing. It's a fun challenge, that excitement of competition — not only in making the product but competing against your peers."

It's difficult to say whose courses are the most popular to golfers. No one city has courses

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