

## Silva directs renovation of Ross' Charlotte CC

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Charlotte Country Club recently underwent renovation to upgrade for the first time in three decades. The renovation, according to architect Brian Silva, will allow the course to maintain its reputation of excellence for many years.

Built in 1910 and originally routed by Donald Ross, the course was widely redesigned by Robert Trent Jones in the early 1960s. Thirty years later, renovation was necessary to restore the integrity of the playing surface.

Most of the work was needed to bolster the structure of greens and to provide a better growing environment for turf. New grass (Tifway 419 and Crenshaw creeping bent) and a new irrigation system were major benefits to maintaining a quality surface, Silva said.

"The purpose of the renovation was to maintain the excellent quality of the course which needed a lot of general

housekeeping and updating," said Silva. "We weren't trying to return the course to the way it was in the 1920s."

However, some design changes reminiscent of the original course were made. Based on early aerial photos and memories of members, features were added including a bunker cluster to the left of the 5th fairway, and a two-level 5th green.

The most significant changes were the vastly redesigned tees, said Silva. Previously, most holes had one or two long, landing-strip-type tees. Now each hole has three to six tees which offer flexibility in distance and orientation. Likewise, the practice area was modified. A tee was added to one end of this area, and the range was redesigned to have nine target greens.

Construction was handled by Course Crafters Golf Construction, under the supervision of Mike McNally.

## Weed's renovation of Timacuan complete

Timacuan Golf and Country Club's 18-hole course has been totally renovated by architect Robert C. Weed Jr. A number of fairways were raised to rectify drainage concerns. Weed created additional wetlands, fringed with thousands of cord grasses and aquatic plants. The club has since undertaken a major lake maintenance program to preserve these wetlands. Further enhancements include the regrassing of all greens, the addition of six bridges, refurbishing bulkheads on many tees, and upgrading the irrigation system.

## Pelican Bay North reopens with new TifDwarf greens

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Pelican Bay Country Club's members and guests have experienced smoother, larger putting surfaces since their 18-hole North Course reopened Oct. 1, following a \$275,000 greens reconstruction project.

One of two golf courses at Peli-

can Bay, the North, was closed for four months while the project was in progress. TifDwarf Bermuda-grass was installed in place of 328 Bermuda. The project also resulted in the reconfiguration and enlargement of some greens; changes to sandtraps, bunkers and tees; and significant drainage im-

provement on all greens.

The project was designed by IGM, with Central Florida Turf serving as general contractor. Quality Grassing handled the grassing while Florida Potting Soils supplied a U.S. Golf Association-approved greens mix consisting of Canadian peat and sand.

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