

Weed begins work on Ocean Golf Course

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Weed Design has begun renovation on The Ocean Golf Course at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, improvements that will close the existing course until November.

"We will be bringing the course up to today's standards of play from a strategic and agronomic standpoint," said Bobby Weed, project architect, who is working from a combination of aerial photos and old photos of the 1928 course. "While improvements will be made on every hole, all holes will be recognizable when the project is finished."

The Ocean Golf Course at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club celebrates its 70th year of operation this season. It was designed by Brit Herbert Bertram Strong.

"Not too long after it opened, it was on the list of the hardest golf courses in the country, along with places like Pine Valley, Pebble Beach and Oakmont," Weed said. "It was selected as the site for the 1939 Ryder Cup matches, but the real war by the shore started in Europe and the matches were never played."

In 1947, Robert Trent Jones Sr. was hired to redesign the course to make it less severe.

"We have no intention of taking it back to the very original design," Weed said. "It was considered too severe at that time. Some changes need to be done, such as to the green surfaces where grasses have grown in over the original surface. There are improved fairway and green surface grasses available today. Strategic changes need to be made because of today's equipment and players. However, our goal is to keep the original flavor of the course and to make it fun and interesting to play."

Robinson ends facelift of Fountaingrove track

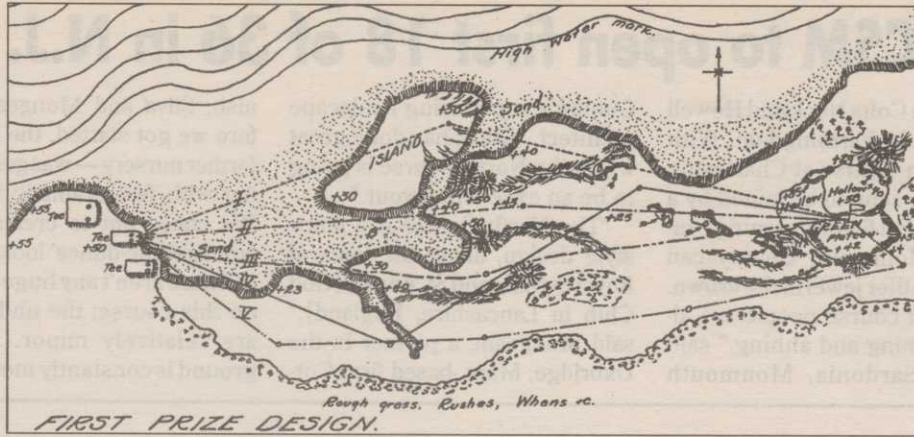
SANTA ROSA, Calif. — Fountaingrove Resort and Country Club's golf course, in the heart of the Sonoma County wine country, reopened May 4 after extensive renovations by its designer, Ted Robinson.

"We are excited and proud about the changes we have made to the course," said John Theilade, director of operations for the Fountaingrove Resort and Country Club. "While we have not radically changed the layout of the course, we have been able to improve several areas, and look forward to offering people a challenging golf experience at one of the most scenic courses in the country."

Among the changes was installation of new drainage and irrigation system, bentgrass greens, reshaped bunkers on several holes, and the addition of several trees to separate fairways and frame greens.

The driving range was completely renovated, with the addition of four target greens as well as a chipping and bunker practice area, and the pro shop and clubhouse were completely remodeled.

Nestled into the lush Santa Rosa hillside, the par-72 layout measures from 5,951 to 7,000 yards. It features three lakes, all of which come into play, streams, and numerous bunkers.



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