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## TPC COURSE AT SAN ANTONIO RESORT MODIFIES GREENS

Improved contouring and pin placement completed on four holes at TPC San Antonio's AT&T Oaks Course at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - TPC San Antonio's AT&T Oaks Course has reintroduced four greens recently modified to improve contours and increase the number of potential pin locations. Located at the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa, the impacted greens are on holes 1, 4, 10 and 12 and are designed to appeal to both TOUR players and guests of the <u>San Antonio golf resort</u>.



The work was based on feedback from PGA TOUR players who have competed in the Valero Texas Open at the AT&T Oaks Course and consultation with course architect Greg Norman and player consultant Sergio Garcia, and overseen by PGA TOUR Design Services.

The work included:

- Raising the right side of the green on No. 1;
- Raising the left side and center of the green on No. 4;
- Raising the right side of the green on No. 10; converting the right surrounds to rough grass; shifting the front right bunker back to widen the approach into

the green; filling the low in the back left of the green to create a mound;

• Recontouring all of the No. 12 green and lowering the back third of the green by approximately two feet to lessen the severity of the contours.

"The key to the work on all four greens was to increase the quantity and quality of hole locations, as well as making the putting surfaces more receptive to approach shots," said Steve Wenzloff, Vice President of PGA TOUR Design Services, Player Liaison. "Those holes provided the least flexibility from a setup standpoint. We get various winds at the course and those surfaces were hard to hold depending on the wind direction. By increasing the number of hole locations and softening the contours, it will be easier to hold shots on the green during different conditions."

While the work was based on feedback from the touring professionals, Wenzloff noted that it will benefit the <u>San Antonio luxury resort's</u> golfers, as well. "What's good for the TOUR players is good for the resort guests, because the greens will be more receptive to shots they hit to the putting surface," he



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said. "While TOUR professionals are looking to hit their approach to the correct quadrant of the green, the resort guest is looking to be rewarded for hitting the green."

TPC San Antonio's Director of Golf and General Manager Jimmy Terry, who has the opportunity to greet resort guests and club members on a daily basis, expanded on what the modifications will mean throughout the year.

"The TOUR has done a fantastic job in making these modifications while keeping in tact the integrity of the design," Terry said. "The AT&T Oaks Course has quickly become a fan favorite among hotel guests and club members and we look forward to hosting players as they see these exciting modifications for themselves. It is a great thrill to be able to host the PGA TOUR's Valero Texas Open on the AT&T Oaks Course every spring while our guests can enjoy this fabulous layout the other 51 weeks of the year."

## About TPC San Antonio

TPC San Antonio is proud to be one of the newest additions to the PGA TOUR's TPC Network of premier clubs. TPC San Antonio opened January 22, 2010 with 36 holes of golf designed by two of golf's most respected and innovative architects and World Golf Hall of Fame members, Pete Dye and Greg Norman.

Situated inside the 2,800 rolling acres of the Cibolo Canyons development at the base of the beautiful Texas Hill Country, both the AT&T Canyons Course (designed by Pete Dye & PGA TOUR Player Consultant Bruce Lietzke) and the AT&T Oaks Course (designed by Greg Norman & PGA TOUR Player Consultant Sergio Garcia) were built with the infrastructure to be host venues for PGA TOUR tournaments.

TPC San Antonio is only one of three properties in the country to host two TOUR events each year. The AT&T Oaks Course plays host to the Valero Texas Open on the PGA TOUR and the AT&T Canyons Course is host to the AT&T Championship on the Champions Tour.

TPC San Antonio is a private resort, only accessible to Club Members and guests of the <u>JW Marriott</u> <u>San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa</u>. Additionally, TPC San Antonio is managed and operated by PGA TOUR Golf Course Properties as part of the TPC Network.

For information on Stay and Play packages and playing TPC San Antonio, call 210.491.5800.

## About PGA TOUR

The PGA TOUR is the world's premier membership organization for touring professional golfers, cosanctioning more than 100 tournaments on the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour, Web.com Tour and PGA TOUR Latinoamérica.

The PGA TOUR's mission is to entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back, generate significant charitable and economic impact in communities in which it plays, and provide financial opportunities for TOUR players.



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PGA TOUR tournaments are broadcast to approximately 715 million households in 225 countries and territories in 29 languages. Virtually all tournaments are organized as non-profit organizations in order to maximize charitable giving. In 2011, tournaments on the three Tours generated more than \$121 million for local charitable organizations, bringing the TOUR's all-time total of charitable contributions to more than \$1.7 billion.

The PGA TOUR's web site is <u>PGATOUR.com</u>, the No. 1 site in golf, and the organization is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

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