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GOLFWEEK NAMES BEST COURSES FOR 2010

Troon Golf-Managed Facilities Recognized in Best Resort and Residential Categories as well as Best New Courses and Best Courses of the Caribbean and Mexico

Scottsdale, Ariz. – Troon Golf,® the leader in upscale golf course management, development and marketing is pleased to announce that 18 of its managed properties have been named to the 2010 "Golfweek's Best Courses" list. Comprised of the best resort and residential golf courses, as well as the best courses located in the Caribbean and Mexico, the accolades were featured in *Golfweek's* annual "Definitive Guide to The Golf Life" publication. Notable rankings include **Black Creek Club** in Tennessee and **Palmilla Golf Club** in Mexico, both improving their positions from last year while **Bahia Beach Resort & Golf Club** in Puerto Rico and **The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa** in Arizona were both new to this year's list. **Yocha Dehe Golf Club at Cache Creek Casino Resort** was also honored as one of *Golfweek's* 2009 "Best New Courses."

Troon Golf-managed properties that received recognition as "Golfweek's Best Courses" for 2010 include:

Best Residential Courses

- No. 9 **Black Diamond Ranch – Quarry** - Lecanto, Fla.
- No. 35 **Quintero Golf & Country Club** – Peoria, Ariz.
- No. 30 **Forest Dunes Golf Club** – Roscommon, Mich.
- No. 54 **Black Creek Club** – Chattanooga, Tenn.
- No. 74 **Troon North Golf Club – Monument** – Scottsdale, Ariz.

Residential Courses of Distinction

Red Ledges Golf Club – Heber City, Utah

Top 50 Courses of the Caribbean and Mexico

- No. 1 **Cap Cana – Punta Espada** – Juanillo Beach, Dominican Republic
- No. 25 **Rõco Ki – The Faldo Legacy Course** – Macao, Dominican Republic
- No. 23 **Palmilla Golf Club – Mountain and Arroyo** – Los Cabos, Mexico
- No. 37 **Ocean Club** – Paradise Island, Bahamas
- No. 49 **Bahia Beach Resort & Golf Club** – Rio Grande, Puerto Rico

Top 100 Resort Courses

- No. 54 **Lake of Isles – North** – North Stonington, Conn.
- No. 69 **The Club at Savannah Harbor** – Savannah, Ga.
- No. 100 **The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa – Ridge/Canyon** – Tucson, Ariz.

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Resort Courses of Distinction

Yocha Dehe Golf Club at Cache Creek Casino Resort – Brooks, Calif.

Classic Club – Palm Desert, Calif.

Indian Wells Golf Resort – Indian Wells, Calif.

The Westin La Cantera Resort – San Antonio, Texas

Best New Courses in 2009

No. 31 **Yocha Dehe Golf Club at Cache Creek Casino Resort** – Brooks, Calif.

Among the criteria used by *Golfweek's* panel of course raters include:

Ease and intimacy of routing – The extent to which the sequence of holes follows natural contours and unfolds in an unforced manner.

Variety and memorability of par 3s, 4s and 5s – Different clubs hit; extent to which the angles of play create interesting and varied playing options; and extent to which holes offer variety of options from the tee and on the second shot.

Basic quality of conditioning – Variety of playing textures; extent of turf coverage; consistency and quality of bunker sand.

“Walk in the park” test – Degree to which the course ultimately is worth spending a half-day on.

Headquartered in Scottsdale, Ariz., Troon Golf is the world's largest golf management company, overseeing operations at properties located in 31 states and 26 countries. Additionally, 39 Troon Golf facilities enjoy a Top 100 ranking by national or international publications. Troon Golf properties include Oneida Golf and Country Club, Green Bay, Wis.; Troon North Golf Club, Scottsdale, Ariz.; The Clubs at St. James Plantation, Southport, N.C.; Classic Club, Palm Desert, Calif.; Pearl Valley Golf Estates, Cape Winelands, South Africa; and The Grove, London, England.

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