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Quail West's enhanced Preserve Course expected to reopen this month

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Quail West Golf & Country Club's renovated Preserve golf course is expected to reopen this month. As part of its substantial member approved and financed two phase club renovation initiative, Quail West is investing approximately \$12 million to enhance the playability of its two championship golf courses that were originally designed by golf course architect Arthur Hills more than two decades ago.

The golf course renovation is one component of the initiative budgeted at approximately \$30 million that reflects the community's mission to be the premier private residential country club in Southwest Florida. Renovations to the Preserve Course started last spring. Enhancements to the Lakes Course are expected to begin in spring with completion anticipated January 2018.

Designed to meet the needs of Quail West's growing membership and the changing lifestyle characteristics of the community's members, the renovation initiative will provide the latest in physical facilities and stateof-the-art technology while further solidifying Quail West's position as Southwest Florida's leading luxury golf course community.

Phase I renovations to the clubhouse that include enhancements to the upstairs banquet kitchen and an

expanded pre-function space overlooking the club's indoor glass enclosed pool are expected to be completed this month. Completion of a new two-story dedicated fitness and wellness center building that will connect to the glass enclosed pool and clubhouse is slated for March.

Quail West has long been acknowledged for providing one of Southwest Florida's finest pure golf experiences. The club's amenity enhancement initiative will further that legacy. While the original design and character of the community's Preserve and Lakes courses will remain essentially intact, the renovation initiative is focused on improving the playability of both courses for golfers of all skill levels.

The renovations will address enhancements to the irrigation systems, green complexes, the adjacent bunker, fringe and grass areas, and the fairways. New irrigation technologies will be introduced to embrace best water conservation practices and to reduce overall operating costs.

The golf course enhancements are being overseen by J. Drew Rogers, a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, who is highly regarded for his ability to undertake golf course renovation projects. Rogers is familiar with Quail West's golf courses, having worked directly with Arthur Hills to design two nine-hole layouts that would later comprise the Lakes Course.

The Preserve Course is encircled by a large nature preserve and enhanced by a landscape and strategically placed water hazards to create a challenging but fair test of golf for all players at various levels of skill. The Preserve Course plays to 6,841 yards from the back tees and takes the golfer on a meandering journey through verdant woodland areas.

A wide array of wildlife is often seen on the Preserve Course and in the surrounding forest that includes cypress trees 300 to 400 years old. Tight, tree-lined and undulating fairways, strategically placed bunkers, marshy areas, numerous water hazards and large, challenging greens with numerous tiers and slopes immediately bring golfers down to earth. While the course can be intimidating to the eye, depth is often deceiving. Learning what the course is willing to give is, as always, the key to success. The flags are equipped for laser link distance measurements. Five sets of tees allow golfers to play from distances that are appropriate for their skill levels.

The 7,041-yard Lakes Course offers wide open vistas across a system of lakes. Numerous fairway and green-side berms are referred to as "Hills' Hills." The fairways and rough are Tiffworth 419 Bermuda grass and the greens are a Champions Bermuda strand. The layout is fairly open and has a links quality to it, although there are numerous water hazards and marsh areas to negotiate. The flags on the Lakes Course are also equipped for laser link distance measurements.

In addition to the enhancements of the Preserve and Lakes courses' irrigation systems and green complexes, the club renovation initiative includes improvements to the golf practice area that will be enlarged to provide increased preparation and instructional space. At the same time, Phase II of the initiative to be undertaken and completed next year will include a new golf pro shop that will offer a wider array of golf equipment and apparel selections.

Quail West's residential product offering includes single-family villa residences, single-family homes and estate residences with prices ranging from the \$800s into the millions. A Stock Development community, residences at Quail West are built by preferred builders that include Stock Signature Homes, McGarvey Custom Homes, Seagate Development Group LLC, Florida Lifestyle Homes, Castle Harbor Homes, Diamond Custom Homes, London Bay Homes and Emerald Homes. A collection of completed, soon to be completed, and poised to begin construction residences in all product categories is available for purchase at Quail West.

Quail West is east of Interstate 75, one mile south of Bonita Beach Road. Take Exit 116 (Bonita Beach Road) east, turn right on Bonita Grande Drive and proceed to Quail West's main entrance. Visit www.QuailWest.com.