

New Tom Lehman Course Adds Desert Touch to Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa; Expansion Complements Existing PGA Tour Course

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Under the direction of Tom Lehman and his design team, the new desert-style Sonoran golf course opened to the public today at Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa. The Sonoran course complements the resort's traditional parkland-style course, The Catalina, home to the PGA Tour's annual Chrysler Classic of Tucson for 40 years, and gives the resort two 18-hole championship courses.

In addition to the new Sonoran course, Tom Lehman redesigned two holes on the championship Catalina course to lengthen and tighten the holes in time for the PGA Tour's Chrysler Classic tournament held at the resort February 23-26. In addition to his work as a golf architect and golf pro, Lehman is the 2006 Ryder Cup Captain.

"I've enjoyed creating a golf course that the members and guests will enjoy, find interesting, feel challenged by and look forward to playing again and again and again," said Lehman. "Hopefully everyone's expectations will not only be met but exceeded."

Lehman and his team created the new Sonoran course by re-designing the former nine hole Green course and adding holes. The new nine were built on an undeveloped parcel along the eastern edge of the property. In designing the course, Lehman's objectives were to utilize and protect the natural washes and native vegetation, to create a seamless appearance between the two parcels and to fashion a layout that will require golfers to hit a variety of shots. The Sonoran course features steep elevation changes and magnificent views of the surrounding Sonoran Desert. At 6,552 yards, length will not be the primary challenge. Rather, Lehman's design incorporates strategic fairway bunkering that will require players to place their tee shots carefully while a set of green complexes will call for thoughtful approaches and a deft short game. Par will be 70 from all tees.

The Lehman Design Group is based in Scottsdale and currently has golf courses in the planning or construction stage in Arizona, California and Canada. Lehman began designing courses in 1996 and has 11 course designs or redesigns under his belt.

Ranked as one of America's top golf resorts by both Golf Digest and Conde Nast Traveler, the 650-acre Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa is a four-diamond award-winning resort quietly nestled in the foothills of the Santa Catalina Mountains. In addition to championship golf, the resort offers a 13,000-square-foot world-class spa, two sparkling pools, lighted tennis courts, two fine restaurants, 13 meeting rooms with more than 20,000 square-feet of indoor and outdoor meeting space, and 167 elegantly designed rooms and suites.

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