



## **RESTORATION OF THE PLANTATION COURSE COMPLETE**

*Reynolds Collection's Initial Design Features New Flexible Playing Route*



**GREENSBORO, GA. (April 26, 2016)** – The Plantation Course at Reynolds Lake Oconee reopens May 1 after a multi-phase restoration project to the award-winning design by architect Bob Cupp. As a component of the comprehensive restoration a flexible short course routing has been added for golfers who want to carry only a few clubs and play only a few holes.

The first course built at Reynolds Lake Oconee, The Plantation Course opened in 1988 as part of the new community along the shoreline of Georgia's second largest lake. Now one of six world-class golf courses at Reynolds Lake Oconee, the Plantation Course has been refreshed from tee to green.

Part of the Plantation Course renovation is the new “Quick Six”—a unique six-hole “course within the course” that offers a variety of tee box options while utilizing the existing greens on hole Nos.1-2-3 and Nos. 7-8-9. None of the “Quick Six” holes play longer than 130 yards, so a “round” will take approximately 60 minutes.

“We designed Quick Six to be fast, easy, and fun” said Mark Lammi, vice president of golf at Reynolds Lake Oconee. “We want golfers of all ages and skill levels to enjoy this wonderful game, and sometimes, an hour or so is just perfect. With Quick Six, they can play a few holes or more, if they want, and still have time to enjoy all the other things Reynolds has to offer.”

The updates and enhancements to the Plantation Course include:

- Restoring all 18 greens to their original size and shape and replanting them with Penn A-1 bentgrass
- Reshaping all tee box areas and adding forward tee boxes to seven holes
- Removing 11 non-strategic bunkers while adding three new bunkers
- Reshaping all the bunkers and installing the Billy Bunker system—to improve drainage and prevent erosion—previously implemented at two other Reynolds courses, National and The Landing
- Enhancing overall growing conditions with selective pruning that increases air flow and sunlight
- Rebuilding cart paths
- Refreshing and reinforcing creek banks
- Installation of nearly two miles of subsurface drainage
- Enlarging the practice area
- Adding nearly 10,000 ornamental grasses and plants

“Bob Cupp worked closely with our Vice President of Agronomy, Lane Singleton, to restore the course to its original character,” Lammi said. “The goal was to reanimate this terrific design in a way that could be efficiently maintained and also to give our guests and members, and first timers, an entirely new way to experience the game.”

“At 6,200 yards from the member tees, the Plantation Course is one of the most player-friendly golf courses at Reynolds,” Lammi said. “It complements the balance of our golf collection with great aesthetic value, as well as shot value.”

Reynolds Lake Oconee is a vibrant community of nearly 4,000 multi-generational families and their friends who share a passion for golf and the outdoors, while savoring their time together. Located along one of the most treasured lakeside settings in the country, Reynolds Lake Oconee has established itself as a leader in sports and leisure activities on land and water, as well as a cultural and culinary center with a passion for music, the arts, and regional cuisine.

Besides golf, Reynolds Lake Oconee features four marinas, the Lake Club wellness center, and an award-winning tennis center. Reynolds also has developed into a popular vacation destination, anchored by the The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee, a 251-room lakefront resort and spa, which was named a 2015 AAA Five Diamond Lodging and 2014 Forbes Four-Star resort.

For additional information, visit [www.reynoldslakeoconee.com](http://www.reynoldslakeoconee.com).

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Reynolds Lake Oconee, formerly known as Reynolds Plantation, is located between Atlanta and Augusta, Georgia, and is situated along more than 350 miles of Lake Oconee shoreline and features six championship golf courses, dining, swimming pools, pedestrian trails, marinas, a tennis center and a wellness campus. Reynolds is also home to The Ritz

-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee, a 251-room lakefront resort and spa, which was named a 2015 AAA Five Diamond Lodging and 2014 Forbes Four-Star resort. The community is located about an hour and a half drive from Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. For more information, visit [www.reynoldslakeoconee.com](http://www.reynoldslakeoconee.com).

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