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## **Shadow Wood Country Club's South Course renovations complete**

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. (Oct. 19, 2018) – Shadow Wood Country Club reopened its South Course this month following a summer-long renovation project under the direction of Rees Jones, President of Rees Jones, Inc. Golf Course Design.

This time last year, the club reopened the North Course after an extensive renovation by Jones, who was a long-time friend of Bob Cupp, the original designer of both the North and South courses.

“When we were brought in to do the work on both the North and South Courses, we understood the memberships desire to preserve the essence of Bob’s original design,” said Jones. “As a good friend of Bob, it was an honor for me to work on two of his courses to ensure that his design philosophy remained intact, but at the same time update the courses to today’s standards.”

Along with Vice President and Senior Designer Bryce Swanson, Jones added a new set of membership tees, increased the size of selected tees, and adjusted the location of others in order to improve options and create variety off the tee. The greens were completely rebuilt, and the new green surfaces were recontoured to add movement and provide for interesting and challenging hole locations. All greenside bunkers were redesigned, with some being relocated. Several bunkers were removed to provide for closely mowed chipping areas to create shot options around the greens. Rock walls adjacent to the ponds were rebuilt to increase playability and to enhance the appearance. Fairway bunkers were added, relocated or removed to comply with today’s play.

“We did a comprehensive design review of both courses and strategically enhanced each hole,” said Jones.

Swanson added, “We wanted the courses to be playable for every level of golfer, so all holes are playable for both the ground and aerial game. We evaluated each green complex and redesigned each one to accommodate member play.”

“The members have been anxiously anticipating the reopening of our South Course after the exceptional reviews we received from Rees Jones’ North Course renovations last year,” said Dr. Jay Sandza, chair of the club’s grounds committee.

“Working with the membership and the staff at Shadow Wood has been a great experience for our team. The club recognized the importance of upgrading both the North and South Courses, and the members should enjoy playing both courses for many years to come,” said Jones.

More than 225 Shadow Wood members enjoyed a special grand opening tournament on the South Course during its soft opening October 16.

Founded in 1974 and headquartered in Montclair, New Jersey, Rees Jones Inc. Golf Course Design provides customized designs and construction supervision for private clubs, resorts, real estate communities and public facilities in the U.S. and worldwide. Jones has designed or redesigned more than 240 golf courses in his career. His remodeling skills have been applied to seven U.S. Open venues, nine PGA Championship courses, six Ryder Cup sites, and two Walker Cup sites, as well as the President’s Cup at The Royal Montreal Golf Club. He also redesigned East Lake Golf Club, the permanent site of the PGA TOUR Championship that is now the final event of the FedEx Cup.