

New Fazio course opens on outskirts of Las Vegas

The par three second hole lies among an expanse of native plants and shrubs

A new golf course near downtown Las Vegas is opening this October. The Summit has been developed by Discovery Land Company, and features an 18-hole golf course by Fazio Design. The course is just a 15 minute drive from the Las Vegas strip, on a site adjacent to the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area

and located in the foothills of the mountains that lie to the west of the Nevada city.

Speaking with GCA, architect Tom Fazio said the finished golf course has “truly turned out better than I think anyone could have expected.”

“This was such a complex site and project, and we didn’t have all the answers when

we started construction,” Fazio explained. “Discovery Land Company and its extremely talented in-house construction team were more than up for the challenge. We really enjoyed working so closely with their team.”

Construction work on The Summit began back in the summer of 2015, and more than four million cubic yards of earth have been

Tee Box

➤ moved to shape and create the course. Fazio said however that the original design has changed very little during the construction phase, and is pleased to see his initial vision now a reality.

“The original routing plan for the golf course and the site plan for the community fit together and flow extremely well,” he said. “From that standpoint, the course has changed very little from the original design. Having said that, many of the details that golfers will see and enjoy up close, such as course shaping, water features, rock placements, bunker forms, landscaping, and green complexes were not designed prior to construction. These important elements were all part of the evolution of the design during construction as we worked our way through the property. We had no preconceived notions going into

construction and I believe that served the project very well.”

The course is varied in character, with a combination of pure desert holes and areas, such as holes eight to fifteen, where water frequently comes into play – in the form of irrigation lakes and a creek that runs through that part of the course.

Fazio is confident that the course’s conditioning will be second to none.

“Golfers will enjoy a very playable golf course with exciting elevations changes and stunning views, from the downtown Las Vegas strip to the east to the Red Rocks and permanent conservation areas to the west and northwest,” he said. “The golf course has been given very wide corridors and generous setbacks to real estate areas.”

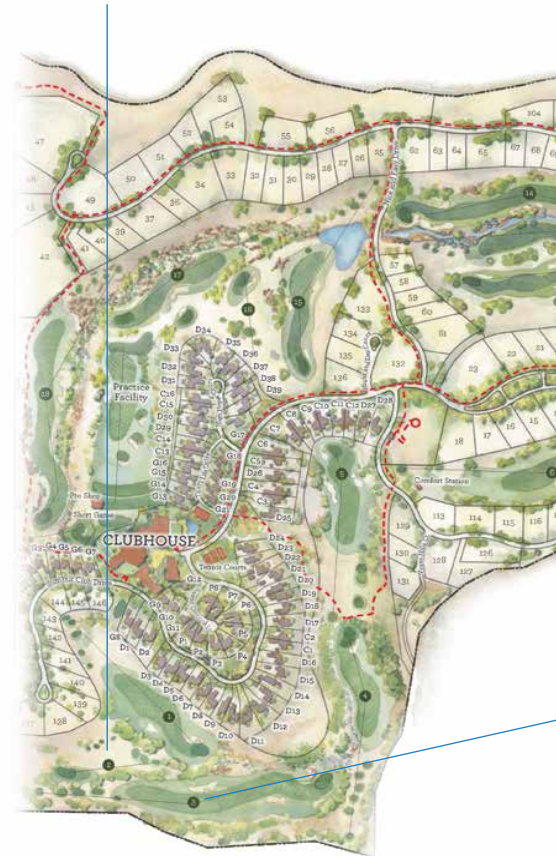
The grand opening of The Summit golf course will take place in October 2017.



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Hole 2

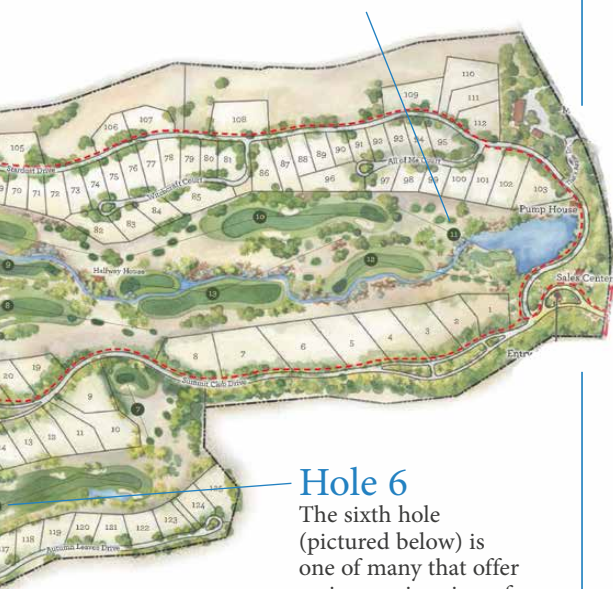
The green complex at the par three second hole (pictured on page 13) includes a large protecting bunker, and sits on a landscape of native desert plants



The Summit is characterised by its views of the Las Vegas skyline, here on the sixth hole, and large bunkers, like those (inset) on the par four seventeenth hole

Hole 11

The eleventh hole plays downhill over a stream to a green perched above the main irrigation lake



Hole 6

The sixth hole (pictured below) is one of many that offer an impressive view of the Las Vegas strip

Hole 3

The third is one of the longest holes on the course, playing 597 yards from the back tees



Renovations coming to TPC Kuala Lumpur

The PGA Tour and golf course architect Ted Parslow of Parslow & Winter Golf Design are to oversee a series of renovations on the West Course at TPC Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia.

The West Course has hosted seven Malaysian Opens and five CIMB Classics since it was last closed for refurbishments nearly a decade ago.

Parslow and the project team will add length to selected holes, as well as making modification to bunkers and fairways. Celebration TifEagle bermudagrass supplied by Atlas Turf International will be added to selected greens, and contours will be reworked in places.

“The competitive modifications to the West Course will enhance the original design strategy off the tee by repositioning and adding fairway bunkers and adding a few tees,” said Stephen Wenzloff, vice president of design services at the PGA Tour. “Approach shot strategy will be enhanced by softening some slopes on greens to create new hole locations. The modifications will benefit both the Tour players as well as the members and guests.”

The project is set to commence this November following the Sime Darby LPGA Malaysia tournament at TPC Kuala Lumpur.



The fifth hole on TPC Kuala Lumpur's West Course

Photo: TPC Kuala Lumpur

Major changes for Himalayas nine at Prince's

The Himalayas nine at Prince's Golf Club in Sandwich Bay, Kent, UK, is to be redeveloped.

Prince's Golf Club played host to the 1932 Open Championship, and Mackenzie & Ebert – a golf course architecture firm with vast experience of working on courses featuring on the Open rota – has been hired to oversee the upcoming project.

Martin Ebert and Mike Howard of Mackenzie & Ebert have paid numerous visits to Prince's, and have created a historic report on the Himalayas nine.

Changes include the amalgamation of the former second and third holes to create a new long par five hole, and the introduction of a new hole following the existing fifth hole.



The new holes on the Himalayas nine are scheduled to open in mid-2018

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