

Ginn Reunion Resort Named “Golf Resort of the Year”



Ginn Reunion Resort has received the 2008 North America "Golf Resort of the Year" award from the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IATGO).

Twenty of North America’s finest golf resorts were nominated for the award, which was presented in a ceremony yesterday evening at the Gran Melia Cancun Hotel in Cancun, Mexico. Award criteria included: customer satisfaction, quality of golf courses and accommodations, value for money,

professional conduct of suppliers, support from the local tourism industry and accessibility to tee times.

Votes for this award were cast by IAGTO’s 260 golf tour operators from 40 countries around the globe. Each operator was asked to nominate what they considered to be the best performing golf destination of the year, according to their travel clients. A winner was named in five regional categories: North America; Latin America and Caribbean; Europe; Africa and Gulf States and Asia and Australasia.

“We are thrilled that Ginn Reunion Resort has received this award,” said Charlie Hardiman, general manager for the resort. “With three Signature golf courses and the recent opening of the ANNIKA Academy, we feel we are ready to welcome the golfers of the world to experience all that we have to offer.”

IAGTO was established in 1997 and is the global trade association of the golf tourism industry. Members include golf tour operators, golf resorts, hotels, golf courses, operators, airlines and tourist boards in more than 70 countries worldwide. The organization’s main goal is to encourage private and public sector organizations to work together in the development and promotion of new and existing golf destinations, making them accessible to the widest range of golfers

Golfweek and Golf Digest Magazines Name Ginn Courses Best of 2007



Golf Digest



In *Golfweek* magazine's recently published *Definitive Guide to the Golf Life 2008*, three Ginn golf courses have been named among the Top 100 Residential and Resort Courses in the country.

The Ocean Course at Ginn Hammock Beach, designed by Jack Nicklaus and Ginn Reunion's Independence course, designed by Tom Watson were named among the Top 100 "Best Residential Courses" in the United States. The Ocean Course ranked 57th, while Independence ranked 96th.

In the list of Top 100 "Best Resort Courses", the Ocean Course was ranked 34th, while the Independence course was ranked 57th. In the same category, Ginn Reunion's Legacy course, designed by Arnold Palmer was ranked 82nd.

The ratings are derived from the annual list of *Golfweek's* Best Courses, published each March since 1997. *Golfweek's* Best Golf Courses are ranked by a panel of 450 golf course raters throughout the country, who judge on the basis of 10 evaluation criteria. Rankings are calculated using a statistical process. The annual issue is mailed to all *Golfweek* subscribers.

Golf Digest magazine has unveiled its ranking of "America's Best New Courses" for 2007, and The Conservatory Ginn Hammock Beach has made the list.

The feature will appear in the January issue of *Golf Digest*, on newsstands December 11, and can be viewed online now at www.golfdigest.com.