



**Whistling Rock Country Club Golf Course Refinement Complete**  
*Renaissance Golf Design's Eric Iverson Leads Project*



*The new par 4 Temple 8th green and approach and new par 3 Temple 9*  
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**Chuncheon, South Korea (July 10, 2017)** - Whistling Rock Country Club—the No. 2 golf course in Korea as ranked by Golf Magazine Korea—has completed a year-long refinement of its Cocoon and Temple nines. Whistling Rock, a private club, is located about one hour north-east of Seoul in the foothills of the Gangwon Provincial mountains.

The 27-hole course, which was designed by architect Ted Robinson, Jr. and opened in 2011, is known for its challenging, naturalistic design and rugged mountain environment. The refinements, under the direction of Eric Iverson, Senior Associate with Tom Doak's Renaissance Golf Design of Traverse City, Michigan, enhanced the course's playability and focused on softening the greens while creating additional hole locations.

"The original greens at Whistling Rock were really artfully done," says Iverson, "but some ended up being a little steep when matched with the superior turf conditions the club presents. Walking that fine line is something that we have a great deal of experience with, and I feel we addressed this issue while keeping the club's adopted mandate of a harmony of art and nature as the priority."

Six holes received significant alterations, including changing number 8 on the Temple course from a par 3 to a par 4 and number 9 from a par 4 to a par 3, resulting in a more strategic short par 4 and a beautiful and challenging one-shot finishing hole. Other holes had fairways reshaped and widened, bunker positions changed, and areas of fescue enlarged, all to enhance strategic play. Seven holes had their greens reshaped, resulting in more pin positions, with

some bunkers removed and new chipping areas introduced. Two holes received minor adjustments to tees and fairways, with all the changes designed to increase enjoyment and variety.

Additionally, Iverson analyzed each hole's strategic value, suggesting modifications that would improve the variety of play and require the golfer to approach each hole strategically. These subtle but significant changes dramatically enhance the playing experience, particularly on and around the greens.

The club's remaining nine holes – the Cloud –revolve around a five-hole stretch called “The Glen,” a segment that represents so much of what makes Whistling Rock special: steep rock faces, elevated tees, cascading waterfalls, lakeside greens and dense forest throughout.

A recent post-renovation review by Golf Club Atlas editor and founder Ran Morrisett indicated, “There’s an exoticness and sense of serenity that pervades a round of golf at Whistling Rock. The natural landforms and man’s adornments are extreme yet so esthetically congruent that the place becomes irresistibly attractive. Whistling Rock demonstrates how East meets West to provide an indelible experience worth savoring on multiple levels, all the while being true to its heritage.”

Whistling Rock Country Club is owned and operated by Taekwang Group, a large South Korean conglomerate with holdings in textiles, petrochemical, cable television, financial services, and leisure development.

For additional information about Whistling Rock Country Club, access the web site at [www.whistlingrockcc.com](http://www.whistlingrockcc.com).

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