



EL DORADO SHORT COURSE TO OPEN AT MISSION INN RESORT IN AUGUST
“Seeking Gold” In Florida’s Hills; Golf for All Ages



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Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla. (July 31, 2019) – A new “course-within-a-course” opens at Mission Inn Resort & Club on August 1. El Dorado, built within the existing Las Colinas layout, is an 18-hole short course that features 14 par-3 holes and four par-4 holes, offering a more fun and accessible experience for golfers of all skill levels.

“It’s no fun to play a 7,500-yard course with forced carries on only your third time on a course,” said Bud Beucher, Co-Owner, Vice President & General Manager of Mission Inn Resort. “We wanted to be able to address the changing times and various types of golfers who visit our resort - juniors, hickory club players, older members, or those looking for quick-game options.”

Golf course superintendent Danny Parks oversaw the creation of new tee boxes on the existing holes of Las Colinas to create the El Dorado short course, which will play to 3063 yards (par 58). Green fees to play El Dorado vary by time of day and day of the week.

Las Colinas (The Hills) was designed by Gary Koch in 1992 and renovated by golf course architect Ron Garl in 2007. Its length (7,230 yards from the tips) and rolling fairways create a challenge for golfers.

Its sister course, El Campeón (The Champion), which dates back to 1917, is one of the oldest courses in the South and a member of the Florida Historic Golf Trail. This classic has been the championship test for junior, collegiate, and professional events throughout its century-plus-long history.

Both of Mission Inn Resort's golf courses embrace a variety of elevation changes unusual for the central Florida flatlands, and feature large, undulating greens, tropical vegetation, and large water hazards. El Dorado will have its share of hills, as well.

The resort also offers a 10-acre driving range, with Tifway Bermuda grass tees, practice bunkers with target greens, and 10,000-square-foot putting green.

For additional information or to book tee times, go to www.missioninnresort.com or call the tee time hotline at 352/324-3885.

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About Mission Inn Resort & Club: Mission Inn is a four-season resort located in the rolling hills of Central Florida's Lake County in the town of Howey-in-the-Hills, 35 minutes northwest of Orlando. The destination resort features classic Spanish Colonial architecture, 176 graciously appointed guestrooms, suites and villas, two championship golf courses, three restaurants, two lounges and poolside bar. Recreational amenities include eight tennis courts, trap and skeet shooting range, jogging and bicycling trails, volleyball courts, outdoor pool and hydro-spa, fitness center, nautical center with 52-slip marina, fishing, and powerboat and go eco-touring. The 6,200-square-foot Spa Marbella provides an extensive menu of treatments and services. More than 30,000 square feet of well-appointed indoor and outdoor event space is available for meetings, banquets, holiday parties, weddings and special occasions. For more information, guests may call (800) 874-9053 or visit the resort's Web site at www.missioninnresort.com

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