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TPC RIVER HIGHLANDS UNVEILS MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR COURSE ENHANCEMENTS

CROMWELL, Conn. (JUNE 20, 2016) – TPC River Highlands, host of the PGA TOUR's Travelers Championship, is pleased to announce the completion of its multi-million dollar enhancement project launched last fall to improve the infrastructure and playability of the golf course.

The primary focus of the project was the renovation and repositioning of the bunkers, while several greens and tee boxes were also modified. PGA TOUR players will get their first look at the finished product during the Travelers Championship the week of Aug. 1-7. These enhancements, as well as work on the infrastructure, will strengthen the member and guest experience throughout the year.

The PGA TOUR implemented this project over the majority of the off-season in order to minimize disruption of play. Original architect Bobby Weed was consulted and the work was done by renowned golf construction company McDonald and Sons, Inc., which has been involved with renovation projects at a number of high-profile clubs and tournament venues throughout the country. Agronomic and architectural enhancements to TPC River Highlands include:

- Rebuilding, repositioning, and restyling all bunkers and incorporating new drainage and sand for improved playability
- Minor surface modifications to the green on Nos. 10, 13, 15 and 16, plus the total rebuild of the 17th green, all of which will provide an increased number of pin positions
- Leveling of select tournament tee boxes, including a new tee complex at No. 15
- Improved routing and repair of the cart paths
- Stabilization of lake bank edges to avoid further erosion and improve aesthetics
- Supplementation and enhancement of drainage throughout the golf course

"We're extremely pleased with the results of the enhancement project," said David Corrado, General Manager at TPC River Highlands. "The feedback from the members and their guests has been extremely positive. The golf course has a fresh, clean look to it, and while changes in some areas are quite significant, the integrity and strategic nature of the golf course was maintained in a way that the course is enjoyable and a challenge for all skill levels."

For 33 years, TPC River Highlands has hosted the Travelers Championship, the largest professional

sporting event in Connecticut. The Travelers Championship has donated more than \$33 million to charities in surrounding communities. Following the announcement of a 10-year sponsorship extension with Travelers in December 2014, special considerations were given to improving the spectator experiences at the tournament, resulting in enhanced viewing areas and improvements to the existing *Fan Zone*.

When the PGA TOUR isn't in town, TPC River Highlands members, guests and the local First Tee chapter enjoy an array of amenities and personalized services synonymous with the PGA TOUR's acclaimed TPC Network of premier clubs.

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About the TPC Network

Licensed by the PGA TOUR, the TPC Network is comprised of 34 premier private, resort and daily fee golf properties designed by some of golf's most elite architects. Twenty of the clubs are operated by affiliates of PGA TOUR Golf Course Properties, Inc. Each TPC has hosted or has been designed to host TOUR-sponsored golf tournaments. Since TPC Sawgrass first opened its world renowned PLAYERS Stadium Course in the fall of 1980, TPCs have provided the PGA TOUR with rent-free venues for tournaments, helping to boost championship golf purses and increasing charitable donations to grass roots non-profit organizations. At the same time, TPCs have provided recreational golfers with the unique opportunity to test their skills on the same layouts where the world's best golfers compete.

TPCs are known for their outstanding conditioning and amenities, as well as a commitment to environmental excellence. The TPC Network is also distinguished by its unwavering commitment to further the PGA TOUR's "Together, anything's possible" giving back mission through support of charitable and community-based programs. For more information, please visit www.tpc.com. For the most up-to-date news, follow the TPC Network on Twitter (@PlayTPC), Instagram (@PlayTPC) or Facebook.com/TPCNetwork.