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## The Tribute New Course at the Colony, Texas

A Tripp Davis and Justin Leonard Design for 2009

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The Colony, Texas – The Tribute – a Matthews Southwest, Wynne/Jackson master planned community on the shores of Lake Lewisville – will debut its “New Course,” a Tripp Davis/Justin Leonard collaboration evoking the timeless features of the “Golden Age” of American golf course architecture, in late summer or early fall of 2009.

The New Course is PGA Tour/Ryder Cup star Justin Leonard’s first Texas-based design project and the culmination of a long-time relationship with Davis, who he teamed with to design Shorefox Golf Club in Granby, Colorado. The New Course will captivate students of classic architecture, featuring holes inspired by masters Donald Ross, C.B. MacDonald, Alister MacKenzie, A.W. Tillinghast and other legends.

It will join the Scottish-inspired “Old Course,” also designed by Davis’ Oklahoma-based firm and featuring holes from famous British Open venues, to create one of the truly unique and inspiring 36-hole golf experiences in the U.S. Collectively via the New and Old Courses, golfers will be able to sample actual holes and design treatments from far-away and extremely-private golf clubs they may otherwise not be able to access in their lifetimes.

“Tripp and Justin share many ideas and opinions about golf course design, and we are excited about the partnership and their vision for the New Course,” says Michael C. Jackson, Principal, Wynne/Jackson. “Tripp has a deep understanding of classic golf concepts, developed during the extensive time he spent in Scotland studying many of the British Isles’ most storied courses. Justin has the insight gained from years of playing the world’s best courses at an extremely high level. The New Course is destined to join its sibling as a ‘must-play’ in the Dallas area.”

Davis and Leonard’s layout conjures the natural contours, hazard styles and green shapes of masterpieces such as Shinnecock Hills, National Golf Links, Prairie Dunes and Crystal Downs. Large, flowing bunkers, native grasses and subtle elevation changes will challenge players and mark the New Course as a wholly unique test of golf. Eight holes front Lake Lewisville, which provides a stirring backdrop to the 36-hole facility located just 23 miles from Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport.

“The New Course presents a thrilling opportunity to match golf’s most enduring design elements with a spectacular canvass,” says Davis, also an accomplished amateur player who starred at the University of Oklahoma. “The finished product will delight architecture buffs and everyday players with recognizable features from famous and storied courses throughout the U.S. and Texas. Everyone will enjoy the views of Lake Lewisville and a stirring test of golf.”

Davis, an admitted hands-on designer who only takes on a small number of projects simultaneously, says Leonard is as involved and exacting as any player/designer he has worked with over the years. Adds Leonard, a Dallas-native, about Davis:



Planning The Tribute  
Photo Courtesy of The Tribute

"I knew Tripp when he was playing golf for OU (University of Oklahoma). I knew at some point that I wanted to test the design waters, but I also wanted to wait for the right person and the right project. I turned down several opportunities until Tripp came along. It was kind of natural with me being from Dallas and with Tripp's experience on designing quality courses. He's challenged me to think about why I like certain holes, and then to be able to take that from paper to the field and see it come life."

#### About The Tribute:

A joint venture between Matthews Southwest and Wynne/Jackson, The Tribute is a master-planned golf resort style community offering first-class amenity centers, pools, parks, playgrounds, on-site schools, hike-and-bike trails, landscaped canals, and hundreds of acres of accessible open space reminiscent of the Scottish Highlands. A total of 1,150 single family lots, 160 golf villas, 183 town homes, and 700 European condominium units will overlook the Tribute's two world-class golf courses and Lake Lewisville, just 23 miles from Dallas-Ft. Worth International Airport.

For more information about The New Course and current real estate offerings, visit the [Tribute Website](#)

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