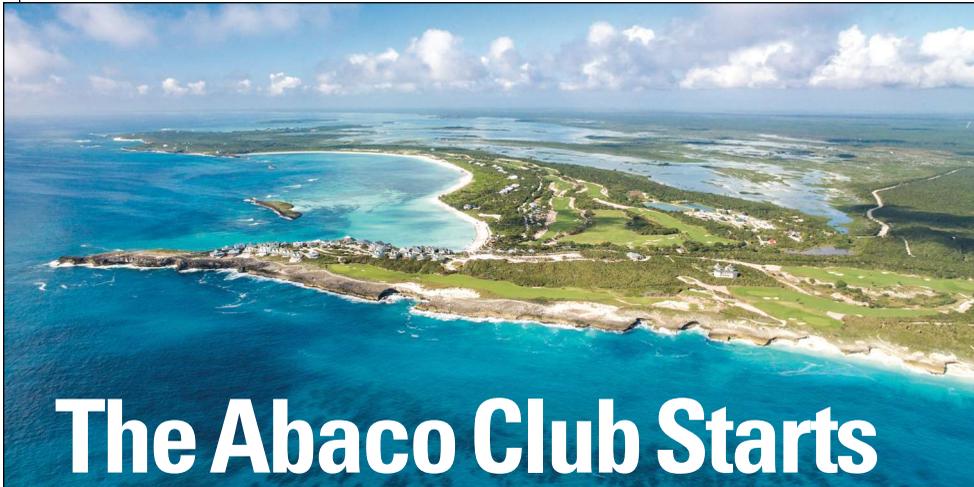


On the Itinerary



The Abaco Club Starts

\$20 Million Enhancement

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Golfers looking for a new late-winter golf getaway destination should take a look at The Abaco Club on Winding Bay in the Bahamas. The Southworth Development-owned property is a half-hour flight from Florida, and offers a unique atmosphere from many other destinations. Because it's a private club that allows limited access to guests, The Abaco Club has a more relaxed, secluded vibe than a typical resort. And the tropical links-style course on the property is a fun and unique place to tee it up – plus, it was the host of last month's Bahamas Great Abaco Classic event on the Web.com Tour.

Southworth recently embarked on a \$20 million capital investment aimed at taking this magnificent property to an even higher level. The plan includes projects both large and small, from adding a bustling market-

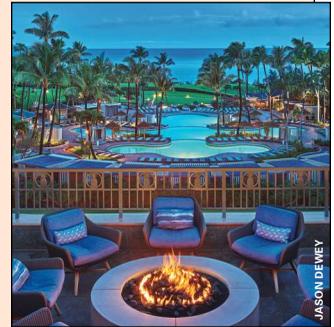


Abaco Club hole No. 4

place to the creation of a new yacht club that will be available for club residents. Also in the works are an expansive beach club, which will include a dazzling resort-style pool, dining, spa, fitness facilities (even an observatory); and two "Great Houses" – multi-residence buildings which will offer luxurious single-level living overlooking pristine Winding Bay and the property's 2.5-mile beach. ■



At a Glance



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■ **The Plantation Course at Hawaii's Kapalua Resort** (golfatkapalua.com) is closing this month for a major renovation. Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw, the original designers, are assisting with the work, which will include reconstructing green complexes, bunker renovations, rebuilding and adding tee boxes, and renovations to the clubhouse. The project is scheduled for completion this November.

■ **SilviesValley Ranch** (silvies.us) earned a unique distinction in Golf Digest's 2018 Best New Courses rankings. The Oregon resort's two reversible courses – the Hankins and Craddock – were both in the top five new courses for the year. The courses, designed by Dan Hixson, share the same land but are played as different routings from day to day.

■ **Premier Golf** (premiergolf.com) is now an authorized tour operator for the 2019 Solheim Cup at Gleneagles in Scotland. The matches are set for Sept. 13-15 on the PGA Centenary Course, which hosted the 2014 Ryder Cup.

■ Turnberry Isle Miami is about to become the **JW Marriott Miami Turnberry Resort & Spa** (Marriott.com). The hotel will feature a new 16-story tower, while the resort's two golf courses have been reimagined by Raymond Floyd. The property is expected to reopen later this year, and a second phase of development will include a water park.