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Award-winning Bluejack Validates Promise and Potential of Woods' First U.S. Course

Hole 13 - Par 5, 530 yards

With the combination of the first U.S. course design of Tiger Woods, the help of longtime Tom Fazio associate Beau Welling and some of the best and most experienced Texas golf leaders, there was little doubt that Bluejack National Golf Club, located 50 miles northwest of downtown Houston, would be successful.

But in just over a year since it opened all 18 holes in the wooded 750-acre tract in tiny Montgomery, the course has been praised locally, statewide and nationally with a trio of prestigious honors.

The most recent award for the Woods' design, was a No. 3 debut in the 2017 prestigious Texas Golf Rankings, the highest by any Lone Star course in more than a decade.

Last year, Bluejack was named best new course in the country by two national publications, Golf Digest and Golf Magazine. The Dallas Morning News Texas Golf ranks all courses in the state regardless of age.

Bluejack achieved the highest initial Texas ranking among the state's 800-plus golf courses since 2004.

"There was never a doubt Tiger Woods' first U.S. design would be the best new course in Texas for 2017. What was unexpected was that it would debut at No. 3, directly behind stalwarts (No. 1) Whispering Pines and (No. 2) Dallas National," the Morning News story stated.

Bluejack National opened all 18 holes for play last April and has hosted numerous top amateur and professional players since then, including a playing clinic by its course designer and a famous opening day hole-in-one by a South Texas junior on its playgrounds short course.

"Every day more memories are made, more fun is being had and more families and friends are bonding around the golf and the many activities here at Bluejack," said Bluejack President Casey Paulson, who has served time in both North and South Texas on exclusive golf layouts.



Mark O'Meara, David Feherty & Tiger Woods

He said the latest award is further proof the blueprint of Bluejack National is succeeding.

“We are very grateful that Texas Golf 2017 has recognized what many have already seen, Bluejack National is indeed a special place and will only continue to improve.”

Most notably the par 72 tree lined course has no rough, very little water and was opened with the stated goal that players could have a good time with family and friends without losing a golf ball.

Michael Abbott, president of Beacon Land Development, said the latest Texas awards can help point out a new

trend for members and families looking for a fun place to spend precious time together.

“Somehow we’ve gotten the concept in golf that a course which is not extremely difficult, where you lose a lot of golf balls, is not a true championship course. What’s wrong with shooting your best score ever here and having a great time with family?” he asked.

“It doesn’t diminish the course to say you made three birdies and shot a good score,” Abbott said “This is a great championship layout, but it’s OK to shoot a good number here and have a good time. That’s what golf should be all about.”



*Hole 1 - Par 4, 458 yards
Photography by Aidan Bradley*



Hole 12 - Par 3, 200 yards

Another key factor in the 'golf is fun' mantra here is the 10-hole Playgrounds short course. With no holes over 120 yards, where players, members and guests can warm up, shorten their shot game and settle all bets, the fun is contagious.

The Bluejack National facility also boasts a pristine double-ended practice facility. The Playgrounds is a shorter 10-hole beginner golf course; and a still-under-construction The Fort, is a three-acre amenity park with a fish camp, zip lines, burger joint, pool, skate park, whiffle ball diamond, tennis courts, flag football field and tree houses.

Bluejack was named the prestigious "best new private course in America for 2016" by Golf Digest, America's largest and oldest golf magazine. Earlier in the year it was named the best new private for 2016 by Golf Magazine/Sports Illustrated.

It's the first Texas course to receive the national best new course honors by Golf Digest since the LaCantera Tournament Course in San Antonio received best new public course acclaim in 1995.

"For Woods, Bluejack National is his, "Hello World," moment as a fledgling golf architect," the December Golf

Digest story said. "The course is created to put smiles on the faces of the patrons. Hit it, find it, hit it again toward the green, run in a putt, cheer and move on."

"It represents the trend that many architects are embracing: build for the masses, not the elite players."

Golf Magazine/Sports Illustrated praised Bluejack National in its golf publication for its "fun, option-filled track that emphasizes width, angles, contours and recover-



Hole 6 - Par 4, 454 yards

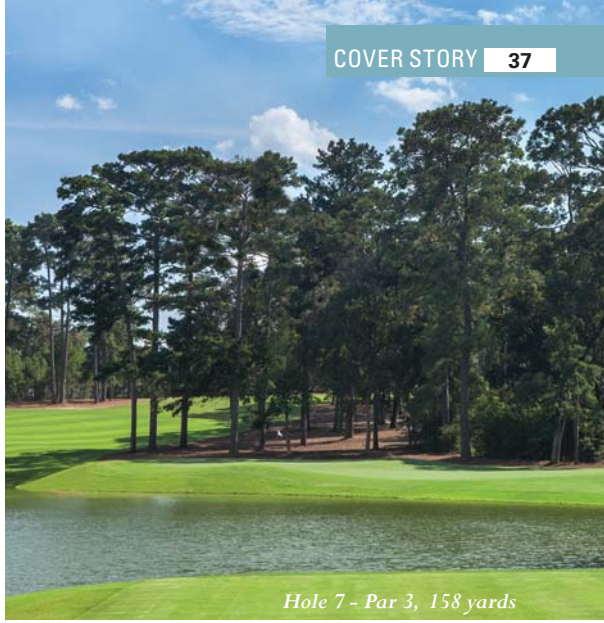
ability, all in a handsome, oak-dotted, rolling canvas.”

“Working with Tiger and his team, we wanted a course with no rough where you could play 18 holes and never lose a ball. We’re excited and honored Bluejack National has been honored in that way by these national golf publications,” Paulson added.

The course has always drawn comparisons to Augusta National Golf Course where Woods won four Masters Championship titles with its large sweeping fairways and especially the 9th and 18th holes which move upward toward the cabins and practice center.

The course was officially opened in early November 2015, when George W. Bush, the 43rd President of the United States played the course along with Abbott, his longtime friend, and sometimes golf teacher.

“This course will define a new Tiger Woods,” Abbott said. “When people see this course and what has been created, they will not only think of the golfer with 80 victories, but a skillful architect as well.”



Hole 7 - Par 3, 158 yards

“It’s extremely rewarding. I am excited to share our work at Bluejack National, which I am confident will be considered a fantastic addition to Texas golf,” Woods said. “I am particularly excited about Bluejack because it’s truly generational. I can see playing here with my kids and friends.”

For more information on the award-winning course and unique Texas family facility, go to www.bluejacknational.com or call (281) 475-2165.



Bluejack National Clubhouse, “The Porch”