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Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort Unveils \$10 Million Clubhouse at The Rookery

New Addition for Golfers Rounds Out \$187 Million Resort Renovation

Marco Island, FL – January 19, 2007 – Kicking off 2007, the Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort has unveiled the \$10 million, 21,000-square-foot Clubhouse at The Rookery. This newest addition for golfers, which boasts richly-designed banquet space perfect for exclusive group functions or post-tournament celebrations, rounds out an extensive \$187 million resort renovation. The posh Clubhouse also boasts the Rookery Steakhouse featuring the finest in prime beef from Allen Brothers of Chicago, along with a variety of chops, seafood, chicken, creative side dishes and decadent desserts.

Among the swank features of the new Clubhouse are a private “Members Only” area complete with warm-up room, library, veranda, an intimate dining room, business offices and a private meeting room. “The Clubhouse was designed with all of our clients in mind, from groups to leisure guests, and especially club members. Our new facility allows us to extend the memorable golf experience off the course for pre- and post-play enjoyment here in the Clubhouse,” stated Chris Major, director of golf operations.

The Rookery at Marco was redesigned in 2004 by the acclaimed Robert Cupp, Jr. as the ultimate resort private golf experience with five tee boxes on each of its 18 holes, oversized and receptive greens and immaculate Tif-Sport Bermuda Grass. Offering a stern challenge for the accomplished golfer yet an enjoyable test for the higher-handicapped player, the course is also home to the world-class instruction of The Faldo School by Marriott. As an Audubon-endorsed course, The Rookery at Marco is committed to conserving the ecological balance on Marco Island, by providing areas on the golf course where native birds and wildlife can thrive.

For those guests wanting to extend their stay on Marco Island while taking time to hit the links, the Escape Golf package includes a two-night stay in a coastal-view room with private balcony, breakfast for two each morning, two rounds of golf per stay including cart at The Rookery, bag tag and storage, complimentary range balls for the driving range as well as a golf gift item. Available year-round, the Escape Golf package starts at \$339 per person, per night.*

Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort is in the homestretch of a \$187 million renovation, the largest capital investment of any Marriott property. Spanning three years, the massive nine-figure project encompasses virtually every inch of the world class beach-front resort. Highlights of the \$187 million investment include the creation of the 24,000-square-foot Spa at Marco Island, a total overhaul of the Quinn’s and Tiki Pools and the addition of the 10,000-square-foot Palms Ballroom.

Open year-round, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., seasonal rates at The Rookery start at \$75 per person, including greens fees and usage of the GPS-enabled golf carts.** For tee times or additional information, please visit www.rookeryatmarco.com. For resort reservations, please visit www.marcoislandmarriott.com or call (800) GET-HERE.

Nestled on three miles of pristine southwest Florida white sand beaches, Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort is the perfect island within an island escape. Caressed by tropical breezes and inspired by a Balinese sense of harmony, balance and hospitality, this is simply, paradise found. From the magnificent new Quinn's Pool, surrounded by lush landscaping and outdoor dining and meeting spaces, to our elegant spa, private resort Rookery Golf Course, and our luxurious rooms and lanai suites that overlook the dazzling Gulf of Mexico, Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort is the sanctuary for relaxation, rejuvenation, discovery and play. Our attentive concierge service, choice of shopping, dining and recreational activities makes Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort the choice for memorable business meetings or unforgettable family vacations.

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