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Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort Expands Golf Amenities & Acquires 18-Hole Hammock Bay Golf Course

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To Members & Resort Guests; Clubhouse Includes Pool, Tennis & Golf Shop
Dennis Clark to Instruct at Both The Rookery at Marco & Hammock Bay
Courses**

Marco Island, FL – November 18, 2011 – Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort is excited to announce an expansion of its golf amenities with the addition of the 18-hole Hammock Bay Golf Course. The off-site facility, located only 10 minutes from the resort, is available exclusively to members and resort guests. The elite course joins the resort's current golf offering, The Rookery at Marco, also an 18-hole course. The new addition is a direct result of increased demand for tee times from members, groups and leisure guests. Green fees range from \$79 to \$179 per round seasonally.

At 7,080 yards, the par-72 Hammock Bay golf course, designed by Peter Jacobsen and Jim Hardy, is recognized as a "Gold Certified Signature Sanctuary" by Audubon International, one of just 25 designated communities in the world. The gold certification is the highest level of the Audubon Signature Programs, recognizing sustainable communities within the natural environment. The Rookery at Marco is also certified with Audubon International, as a Cooperative Sanctuary.

Hammock Bay offers a diverse layout with each hole different than its predecessor. The sea-level course offers dramatic elevation changes with man-made dunes up to 30 feet high and 200 feet long alongside varied but accessible greens. The coastal location between Naples and Marco Island was a major factor into the course's design, with each of the four par 3s playing in different directions to account for shifting gulf winds. The landscaping of the course mirrors the region with tropical wild flowers and crushed shells among mangrove hammocks.

"The addition of the Hammock Bay golf course enhances an already incredible and unique membership and resort private experience. Golfers will now enjoy our award-winning tropical resort amenities with a combined 36 holes of championship golf," said Rick Medwedeff, general manager of Marco Island Marriott Beach Resort. "This expansion really accentuates our commitment to becoming a world class leader in golf experiences."

Moving forward, the intent is for The Rookery at Marco and the Hammock Bay golf courses to alternate between private (members only) and resort private (members and resort guests), every other day of the week. Along with the new golf course, Marco

Island Marriott Beach Resort will take on the management of the Hammock Bay Clubhouse which features a lagoon pool, three lighted Har Tru® tennis courts and a golf shop. These facilities will be open to resort guests and members daily. A summer 2012 renovation is planned to enhance the food and beverage facilities.

Serving both Hammock Bay and The Rookery at Marco, the Rookery at Marco Golf Academy featuring Dennis Clark will provide instruction for golfers of all ages and experience levels. Recognized as one of the top teaching professionals in the United States, Dennis Clark is a PGA Master Professional, a distinction shared by less than one percent of all PGA pros. A native of the Philadelphia area and current Naples, FL resident, Clark has over 25 years experience as a golf instructor.

For further details, please visit www.golfatmarcoisland.com. For tee times at Hammock Bay, please call 239-389-6600. For resort information, please visit www.marcoislandmarriott.com or call 800-438-4373.

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