

Desert Mountain, with a new \$70 million investment, breaks grounds on its 7th golf course.

SCOTTSDALE, ARIZONA: The number seven holds significance to mankind. There are many theories as to why, including seven colors of the rainbow, Seven Wonders of the World, and biblical scholars cite God rested on the seventh day.

Desert Mountain, already established as one of the world's most exclusive private communities with six Jack Nicklaus Signature courses, is expanding again with a new short course, named Seven, designed by the architecture duo of Wendell Pickett and Bill Brownlee.

"There was a prime parcel of land adjacent to Desert Mountain's Renegade course that had been sitting idol," recalled Brownlee. "The location sparked conversation about building an 18-hole short course to complement the club's existing Nicklaus courses. The concept made sense to offer a fun, less formal golf option. Timing seemed right to appeal to the club's bookends of membership—from beginners just learning the game to members whose back might not tolerate a 6,500-yard course.

"The course delivers on three points: a beautiful setting, playable for everyone, and a fun vibe," continued Brownlee. "If we accomplish our goals, Seven will be a place where members will want to congregate."

Scheduled to open early next year, it will be the first par-54 course in Arizona to be rated by the Arizona Golf Association. "This is a big deal," said Brownlee. "With a handicap/slope rating, we will be able to host tournaments without taking an educated guess to a player's handicap."

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