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## Isleworth Celebrates 25-Year Mark



*Founded in 1986, Isleworth Golf & Country Club celebrates its 25-year anniversary.*

**Windermere, Fla. (March 25, 2011)** – This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Isleworth Golf & Country Club and its transformation from a prosperous citrus grove to a luxury golf community. When Isleworth opened in 1986, the 600-acre community conceived by golf icon Arnold Palmer reshaped the identity of southwest Orlando and created a new standard for country club living.

Once the site of a prime citrus-growing operation run by brothers Sydney and Joshua Chase, Isleworth's grounds are now home to a vibrant family community, which includes a championship golf course, a grand clubhouse, children's programs, and a collection of the finest homes all within a gardenlike setting along more than seven miles of lakes.

Regarded as one of the most beautiful luxury residential communities, Isleworth enjoyed early success earned largely on the strength of its Palmer-designed golf course.

Weaving through rolling hills, around pristine lakes and amid grand oak and cypress trees, Isleworth's course was carved into hundreds of undeveloped acres of citrus groves before a single home site was plotted.

Generous, fast and undulating greens make Isleworth's course one of the toughest in the state. A short-game practice facility and bunker complexes replicating those at TPC Sawgrass and Augusta National complement Isleworth's course.

The community's five-floor Mediterranean-style clubhouse, with multiple dining venues, a men's grill, a large formal ballroom, a fitness center and full-service locker rooms, encompasses 89,000 square feet. Members and residents enjoy an ever-changing menu created by an award-winning culinary staff.

When Tavistock Group acquired Isleworth in 1993, the developer reimagined the community by restoring the surrounding lakes to their former purity and planting thousands of trees and flowers. Isleworth's environmental efforts continue today, with initiatives such as the community's annual quail breeding program and its designation as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary.

"This landmark anniversary is a chance to reflect on the many wonderful things that distinguish Isleworth and make it such a special place," said Vivienne Lewis, President of Isleworth Golf & Country Club and a Tavistock Group director.



*Monumental sculptures at Isleworth.*



Tavistock Group also constructed estate-style residences with the finest architecture and installed a permanent collection of monumental sculptures. As a result, Isleworth has become a regular venue for Sotheby's sculpture exhibitions, which have included the works of acclaimed artists such as Salvador Dalí, Auguste Rodin, Bernar Venet and presently Eduardo Chillida.

The developer introduced two signature tournaments to the community, the Isleworth Collegiate Invitational and the PGA-sanctioned Tavistock Cup.

Those multi-million dollar enhancements, along with 24-hour security and concierge services, attracted a number of top executives, star athletes and Central Florida's most prominent families to the community. Today's membership still includes 35 of Isleworth's founding families and more than 200 members under the age of 18.

Isleworth's influential membership helped spur the development of major retail and entertainment destinations in the area, including the Mall at Millenia and Sand Lake Road's Restaurant Row.

"Isleworth has been a positive and powerful economic engine for the Central Florida region," said Jacob Stuart, Central Florida Partnership president and former president of the Orlando Regional Chamber of Commerce. "It has become a globally recognized community over the last 25 years, all made possible by the creative vision of Mr. Arnold Palmer and the Lewis Family. We are all very proud to have such a special neighborhood in our backyard."

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#### **ABOUT ISLEWORTH GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB**

Nestled amongst the Butler Chain of Lakes in southwest Orlando, Isleworth Golf & Country Club is a 600-acre community with more than seven miles of shoreline and a championship golf course. Conceived by Arnold Palmer, designed by Ed Seay and enhanced by Steve Smyers, Isleworth's course features generous, undulating and fast greens and is consistently ranked one of the longest and toughest in Florida. Isleworth is home to an 89,000-square-foot Mediterranean-style clubhouse where members have access to multiple dining venues and a fitness center. Members also enjoy tennis facilities, a year-round children's program, concierge services and 24-hour gated security. Isleworth's natural setting lends the perfect backdrop for its permanent one-of-a-kind collection of monumental sculptures, which are displayed throughout the property. Elegant estate homes, priced from \$2 million to more than \$20 million, are afforded commanding golf to water views. For more information, visit [www.isleworth.com](http://www.isleworth.com).

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