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# Hoakalei Country Club's new clubhouse tees up for a debut

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More than 10 years after the Hoakalei Country Club's Ernie Els-designed golf course opened to members and after more than two years of construction, a \$23 million clubhouse in Ewa Beach is finally set to open next week.

When it opens on April 19, the Hoakalei Country Club clubhouse will be the first permanent amenity to open for the 18-hole, 248-acre private championship course, as well as the first restaurant within Haseko (Hawaii) Inc.'s larger Hoakalei community that surrounds it. Haseko's \$300 million Wai Kai commercial development, which will add 215,000 square feet of waterfront retail and restaurant space, as well as a hotel, is planned for the vacant land right across the street from the new clubhouse.

Hoakalei Country Club opened in January 2009 with the completion of the golf course designed by Ernie Els Design, the first, and only, Hawaii course for the South Africa-born PGA Tour pro known as The Big Easy.



PHOTO BY EUGENE TANNER

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The club has operated from a temporary building between the ninth and 10th holes since then, when the plan was for a two-story clubhouse to be built. But Haseko then sold the course to the current owner, Hiramakawa Shoji Group, in the fall of 2014, plans for the clubhouse began to materialize shortly after that.

Hiramakawa Shoji hired architect Peter Vincent and his firm to design the 27,768-square-foot white plantation style clubhouse, the first ground-up club project for the firm.

The architects chose the plantation-style approach because it would be subdued and not overshadow the golf course, said Todd Hassler, a senior associate at Peter Vincent Architects who was the project architect on the job. The building overlooks the first tee — and what had been hole No. 1 is being shifted to Hole No. 18, so golfers can start and end at the club.

“The color scheme also supports that,” Hassler said. “The exterior is all white, to allow the backdrop and the landscaping and the course stick out. The roof is a blue-blend hue that was inspired by blending with the sky. The intent is to be the gateway for the golf course.”

General contractor Haseko Construction Management Group Inc. began work on the project in January 2017 and was to have finished in June 2018.

But 125 change orders added 10 months and an extra \$3.7 million to the original budget, said George Kila Jr., Haseko Construction’s project superintendent on the job.

Those changes resulted in such features as 12-foot-high wood-and-glass front doors, parking shade canopies with solar photovoltaic panels to power the whole building and a 1,500-bottle temperature-controlled wine cellar tucked behind a glass wall in the Reflections Restaurant, he said. The basalt stone on the wall in the lobby was imported from the Mediterranean and South Pacific and took five months to get to Hawaii, he said.

A lot of those details, including large metal chandeliers and wall sconces custom-made in Milan, Italy, were added at the request of the owner, said Trisha Griffin, Hoakalei Country Club’s membership and marketing manager.

The clubhouse appears to be a one-story building from the front, but actually has two levels — a main level with a lobby, pro shop, offices, bar, restaurant and kitchen, and a lower level with nearly 5,000-square feet of men's and women's locker rooms, a 7,776-square-foot cart barn with 80 stalls for golf carts, a large storage room for members' golf clubs and bags and a lounge and locker rooms for club staff.

There is also a 380-square-foot outdoor bar and 2,702 square feet of other outdoor space overlooking the golf course that is visible and accessed from a large doorway off the lobby, which can be closed off with a metal rollaway door. Glass doors open the restaurant to a covered lanai and golf course views, while the window from the pro shop overlooks the infinity pool and spa next to the bar area.

The Reflections Restaurant seats 88 indoors, another 44 on a covered lanai and 40 on the open lanai, while a private dining room next door can seat up to 30. It will serve lunch and dinner from Tuesday through Sunday, with brunch on the weekends.

Uno Shozo, the club's food and beverage director, said the menu will feature Hawaiian-Japanese cuisine, Euro-American food with a Japanese influence. He also said it will serve prime rib and lobster every day.

The building is also high-tech. In addition to the solar power, it has Wi-Fi, and cameras placed in every part of the building, except the locker rooms. All of that, including the lighting, can be controlled and adjusted through a mobile application on a smart phone.

The club currently has about 310 members, 40 percent of whom are nonresidents from Japan and elsewhere.

The club is looking to boost that number, but [Trisha Griffin](#), Hoakalei Country Club's membership and marketing manager, said the \$30,000 initiation fee will increase for new members coming in after June. Current members will also now have to spend \$300 minimum per quarter on food and beverage; the club is also selling dining memberships for that amount, Griffin said.

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