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Billy Casper, Troon, KemperSports and others are growing at a fast pace, fueled by struggling golf courses looking for help.

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Renovation and Restore

The 2010 *Golf Inc.* Renovation of the Year contest winners showed that anything can be done if a great strategy is in place

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Renovation work continues to grow, fueled by a host of golf courses that are reaching the breaking age with issues like drainage and bunkers. This year's group of renovation nominees for *Golf Inc.* Renovation of the Year reflects this growing pool of candidates — it was perhaps the stiffest competition to date.

Kings River Golf & Country Club in Kingsburg, Calif., Linville Ridge Country Club in Linville, N.C. and Country Club of Darien in Darien, Conn., came out on top this year.

"This year's entries for Renovation of the Year were exceptional," said Katina Cavagnaro, publisher of *Golf Inc.* "We are honored to highlight these outstanding renovation projects from some of the world's most distinguished operators and notable courses."

Golf Inc. called for renovation entries in three different categories: projects under \$1.5 million, projects \$1.6 million to \$4 million and projects over \$4 million. Judges John Harbottle of John Harbottle Design, Jeff Brauer of GolfScapes and Doc Belitz of OB Sports critiqued the projects on the following factors: achievement of goals, aesthetics and improved maintainability.

Architects today are faced with a host of challenges when renovating a 60 to 30 year-old-course. They must address environmental concerns, evolutions in golf equipment technology, advances in golf course agronomy and changed player's expectations, while working within a budget.

This year's winners all balanced these challenges and restored the course to high levels in aesthetics and practicality.

And the winners are...

Finalists

\$1.5 MILLION to \$4 MILLION



Chester Valley Golf Club

Malvern, Pa.

Owner: Proprietary Membership

Architect: Forse Design, Inc.

Contractor: Frontier Golf



Jefferson City Country Club

Jefferson City, Mo.

Owner: Jefferson City Country Club

Architect: Lohmann Golf Designs, Inc.



Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club & Lodge

Orlando, Fla.

Owner: Arnold Palmer

Architect: Arnold Palmer Design Company