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## **KING'S WALK GOLF COURSE INCLUDED IN ARNOLD PALMER'S "SWEET 16" LIST**

(GRAND FORKS, ND) King's Walk Golf Course, an Arnold Palmer Signature Course was recently chosen as one of the top courses in an Arnold Palmer "Sweet 16" list. This information was published in the 2009 special "80<sup>th</sup> Birthday" edition of *Kingdom* publication (Issue 14, pg.176-178). As stated in the article, "*Arnold Palmer and his design company were asked to pick a favorite course from their many designs – but they couldn't choose just one.*"

The Arnold Palmer Design Company (APDC) has designed more than 300 courses across the globe. King's Walk Golf Course, a Grand Forks, North Dakota gem, which is owned and operated by the Grand Forks Park District, was developed by the APDC in 2000 and opened for business in 2002.

"It is a very proud feeling to know that Mr. Palmer and his design team included our course in his top16 list. When Mr. Palmer visited King's Walk Golf Course in September 2008, we had the pleasure of showing him how his design creation had matured and flourished since its initial development," shared John Staley, Director of the Grand Forks Park District. "We take great pride in the maintenance of King's Walk. The staff who take diligent care of the course throughout the year are those who deserve a great deal of credit for the course's success today," added Staley.

The Kingdom article also states, "*Many of these [courses] have received top awards, some have hosted major professional championships, others are just beloved places where great days are possible. All of them are exceptionally designed courses that should make your personal must-play list.*"

Several other courses noted in the "Sweet 16" list include: The K Club, County Kildare, Ireland; The World Golf Village, Florida; Champions Retreat, Augusta, Georgia; Zhailjau Golf Resort, Almaty, Kazakhstan; Oceanico Victoria Vilamoura, The Algarve, Portugal.

King's Walk is located at 5301 South Columbia Road, one mile South of Columbia Mall. For more information regarding this release, contact Brandy Chaffee at the Grand Forks Park District.

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