

**KATHERINE MARREN JOINS QUAIL LODGE GOLF CLUB  
AS DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION**

*Award-winning Teacher Brings Expert Instruction to the Resort's Golf Academy*

January 20 - Carmel Valley, CA – PGA Professional, Katherine Marren joined Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club as the Director of Instruction, after 16 years as the Lead Instructor at the Pebble Beach Golf Academy, where she was involved in many aspects of teaching, program development and teacher training.

Recently, the *Northern California PGA* selected Marren as the “2008 Teacher of the Year.” This coveted honor is usually awarded for excellence in all facets of instructing the game of golf in conjunction with one’s overall performance as a PGA professional. She is the first woman to be awarded that honor in Northern California. On January 12 & 13, Katherine was the speaker at the NCPGA Teaching and Coaching Forum in Sacramento along with other expert instructors Bill Harmon and Dr Gio Valiante.

Marren, a PGA Class A Professional has been teaching golf for over 20 years. While at Pebble Beach Resort, she assisted in the development of the Pebble Beach Golf Academy from a new business needing a teaching model and philosophy into one of the top golf academies in the world. Additionally, she created a number of flourishing junior golf programs, and won a community service award for volunteering her time to members of the Monterey Peninsula Boys and Girls Club.

Marren had a long standing relationship with *Golf for Women* magazine and was one of their most frequent and recognizable contributors. She was rated ‘Top 50 Teachers’ every year they had a ranking from 2000-2008 and was also an elite member of the *GFW* Instruction Panel and served the magazine as a regular contributor and staff advisor since 1999.

She has been recognized as an expert teacher and for her efforts in education, women’s golf and junior golf was named a top teacher by *Golf Digest*, *Golf Magazine*, *the San Francisco Examiner* and the *California Golf Guide*. As the Director of Instruction at Quail Lodge, Marren will use her experience and teaching methods to create a fresh and exciting new Golf Academy. “I’m very

excited about joining the world class team at Quail Lodge Resorts,” Marren recently stated. “I have long thought that Quail Lodge offered the ideal blending of location, warmth, hospitality and peaceful relaxation to create the perfect environment for learning and playing golf. The Golf Academy at Quail Lodge will offer expert instruction and a unique menu of learning experiences to all levels of golfers, coupled with the best technology for teaching and club fitting available in the golf industry. There will be many new programs for members, women, junior golfers and the local community to participate in.”

Marren has played golf for over 35 years, but finds teaching the game, the ultimate reward.

Katherine played collegiate golf at North Carolina State University and was the 1986 Women's District of Columbia Champion. She graduated from Florida Atlantic University where she earned her BA in Political Science.

Marren is well-known as a student of the golf swing and swing methodologies. She has worked and trained with many of the top instructors in the world, including: Jim Hardy, Hank Haney, Jim Flick, Chuck Cook, Craig Shankland, Mike Hebron, Mike LaBauve and Laird Small. Her dedication to continuing education and lifetime learning is exemplary in her field and has set her apart from many instructors.

Her teaching philosophy emphasizes a student friendly approach that fits each student's personality, goals and time commitment to the game. Katherine's teaching specialties are many: low handicappers, juniors, short game improvement and beginner golfers; but her students love her relaxed manner, clear teaching style, patience and genuine care for them and their improvement.

Nestled on 850 acres in the heart of sunny Carmel Valley, Quail Lodge Resort amenities include 97 well-appointed guest rooms, an 18-hole championship golf course, a swimming pool, tennis court, two restaurants, pampering spa, The Land Rover Experience Driving School and trails through the remarkably beautiful environment of lakes, lush gardens and rolling hills.

Quail Lodge Resort and Golf Club is managed by The Peninsula Hotels, which operates luxury hotels in key gateways of Asia and the USA: The Peninsula Hong Kong, The Peninsula New York, The Peninsula Chicago, The Peninsula Beverly Hills, The Peninsula Tokyo, The Peninsula Bangkok, The Peninsula Beijing, The Peninsula Manila and The Peninsula Shanghai (2009).

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