***SEGMENT 1***

***1A – COLD OPEN***

Nats:  Hey guys.   
Nicklaus Nats:  Morning.  How ya doing?

Nats:  Welcome Jack.  How are you? Good to see you.   
Nats: I’m good. As always. 

Nicklaus SOT:  The first real renovation.  We’ve never done a redo of the property, redo of the golf course.

Nats:  You’ve got nice placement here.  Nice here, nice there, nice here and nice here and there.  Back. You got the whole thing.  That’s beautiful.  It’s good!

Nicklaus SOT:  Couple fairways are probably a little wider than we need, and there’s a couple of trees that we’ll probably want to add or a few little odd things like that.  But those are just minor things that can be added, you know, in a day.

Nats:  Boy this makes a difference, doesn’t it?  It’s good.

Nicklaus SOT:  As my mind envisioned it and as I drew it, and as they did it, it’s uh, it is what we wanted.  I mean here we are May 1st, we’re 30 days away from the Memorial Tournament, and this golf course could be played right now.  I mean it’s pretty good.

***1B – TITLES  
1C – HOW IT ALL STARTED***

Nicholas LaRocca SOT:  Well, it was back to September 29th, 2019, the director golf, the superintendent, they were asked to see Jack on the putting green, and he said, “I want to do this one more time.”  After they pick me up off the ground, I said, “what!?”  He said, “we're gonna do the golf course one more time.”

Chad Mark SOT: He put his hand on my shoulder and said, “You know, we've done what we can with this place, but it's, there's some infrastructure needs. And we wanna get rid of the poa and you want to be perfect, and I want to be perfect and let's make it perfect.”

Barbara Nicklaus SOT:  Well, I think that's been his attitude from day one.  It's been tinkered with for what, 40 years, but he just said, you know, he wanted one last kind of really dig at it. And I don't know anybody watching television at the Memorial Tournament last year they showed the sixth green which was already being dug up before the tournament was over.

Nicholas LaRocca SOT:  So, we spent five hours that day riding around talking about what do you really like to do with the golf course, and here we are, 2021, the project's complete, and if you couldn't think you could touch up the Mona Lisa, he did.

Annce NATS:  Jon Rahm, new number one in the world!

*Storytelling Grfx: AS THE FINAL PUTT DROPPED AT THE 2020 MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE,*

Rahm nats:  That’s okay, whatever you want!

Nicklaus nats: Whatever you, it’s yours!

Rahm nats:  Thank you.  Appreciate it.

*Storytelling Grfx:  THE RE-DESIGN OF MUIRFIELD VILLAGE GOLF CLUB BEGAN IN EARNEST.*

*Storytelling Grfx:  ALL UNDER THE EVER-WATCHFUL EYE OF NICKLAUS HIMSELF.*

Jack Nicklaus Sot:  I sort of look at it like I might just have one last bite at the apple. So, I went into Muirfield probably mid-summer two years ago. I started thinking about, how can I get rid of this blasted poana? If I’m going to get it out of the greens, then I need to get out of the fairways to track it in. So, we need to redo the fairways.  We may as well redo the bunkers. The irrigation system’s about due, and he says, “if you have any design changes,” he says, “let’s do them at the same time.”  I said, “okay!”

*Storytelling Grfx:  JULY 20, 2020 / ONE DAY AFTER THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE*

Nicklaus nats:  I would take that bunker and pull it out here about to where the edge of the fairway is and then that one is about at the location it should be, it just needs to go down just a little bit further.  I assume we’ll leave the lake edge alone?  Is that correct? (Yes.) Then I’ll want to take that back left bunker and probably bring it into the green a little bit.  What I would think is you’d get basically the same pitch for all the way around right? (Yes.) Now that’s as far as you’d go to get that right?

Chris Cochran Sot:  Seven of the 18 greens were moved into a different position. All but maybe six greens had some pretty significant contour changes done to it. Every bunker was touched, repositioned, moved.  We were just gonna do a little bit of tee work, but as we got into it, and like I always see, Jack, when he'd see the bulldozers out there, we're pushing dirt anyway, he's like, “well, why don't we just go ahead and do this?”  So, we made dramatic changes to all the tee complexes as well.

Cochran nats:  Every shot that comes here goes to that pin. So, from now on he doesn’t want that. A shot comes up here, it will scatter, you know, it may still be 20 feet away from the pin.

Nicklaus nats:  And here, we might even pick it up here, and you get it in here, you get here, and probably get it here.  Happy with that?

*Storytelling grfx:  ALL TEES, FAIRWAYS AND GREENS WERE RECONSTRUCTED WITH BENT GRASS, IRRIGATION AND PRECISION AIR SYSTEMS.*

*Storytelling grfx:   ALL BUNKERS WERE MODIFIED AND MOST OF THE GREENS RECONTOURED TO ALLOW FOR MORE PIN PLACEMENTS.*

*Storytelling grfx:  153 YARDS IN LENGTH WAS ALSO ADDED.*

Chad Mark Sot: Jack said the best when he said he wanted to take one more bite of the apple….and he wanted to take one last look at the architecture, flow of the golf course and make sure that, right now, with technology the way it is, how would you design the golf course differently than he did in the 70s?

Chris Cochran Sot:  Typically, you know, Jack will give us a lot more freedom, room to interpret his sketches.  Muirfield Village, he was just so definitive with what he wanted to do, his sketches were right on. He explained what he wanted to do, and why he wanted to do it, very, very clearly.

Nicholas LaRocca Sot:  There is no master plan. It's from what Jack thinks, what he discovers on the golf course, what he wants to change. If you thought that Jack could take his masterpiece, Muirfield Village Golf and make it better, he did.

***SEGMENT TWO***

***2A – AUGUST SITE VISIT***

Storytelling grfx:  *AUGUST 9, 2020* / *296 DAYS UNTIL THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE*

JACKIE NICKLAUS SOT:  If you think about dad and all the golf courses he’s designed, if you could pick one that tells more about Jack Nicklaus it would be Muirfield Village.  Everything is as modern as you can get it right now.  Dad has kept it up to date.

Storytelling grfx:  *JACK NICKLAUS VISTED HIS BELOVED MUIRFIELD VILLAGE GOLF CLUB SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PROCESS,*

Storytelling grfx:  *EACH ONE A METICULOUS INSPECTION OF THE PROPERTY.*

NICKLAUS NATS: What I would do here is I’d come back here, go out about 25, 30 yards in front of that tee, as you’re moving this back, just carve that down, to give you a little bit of uh, left of the member’s tee, get yourself a little shoot down here so you don’t have to take this quite as high. You know what I mean?

CHAD MARK SOT:  It’s wonderful to preserve Jack’s vision as a young architect and the world’s best player at that time. It’s a special place for him.

Nats:  What’s the verdict on this?    
Nicklaus Nats:  Go, go.

Nats:  Bring it up and sod it?   
Nicklaus Nats:  Go go go. Don’t let Nicklaus see it again! (LAUGHTER)

NICKLAUS SOT:  I really don’t think when we’re done with it, it’s going to be a tougher golf course, it’s just going to be a better golf course.

NICKLAUS NATS:  Got a little bit of work to do guys.  June 1st is coming!

***2B – JACK’S LEGACY AT MUIRFIELD AND HISTORY OF COURSE***

NICKLAUS SOT:  Well, I want it to be a fair test, but I want it to be a test.  If I think there are some things that could make the golf course better from a design standpoint as well as from a design standpoint as well as a functional standpoint, that’s what we’re going to do.

Storytelling grfx:  *IN 1976, ON LAND WHERE HE AND HIS FATHER ONCE HUNTED AND FISHED, JACK NICKLAUS CREATED HIS MASTERPIECE.*

Storytelling grfx:   *MUIRFIELD VILLAGE GOLF CLUB HAS BEEN HOME TO THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE HAS ALWAYS BEEN NICKLAUS’ BABY.*

Storytelling grfx*:  A CHANCE TO BRING WORLD-CLASS GOLF TO HIS HOMETOWN OF COLUMBUS, OHIO.*

JACK NICKLAUS SOT I wanna bring the best golf for the best show I can to the fans here in Central Ohio area. People come from all over to come to the Memorial Tournament.

DAN SULLIVAN SOT:  You have complete faith in the greatest champion of all time and somebody who created the masterpiece originally. He knows every inch of it. .

Storytelling grfx:  *WOVEN THROUGHOUT NICKLAUS’ SIGNATURE COURSE IS A DEEP LOVE AND APPRECIATION FOR THE PLACE THAT MOLDED HIM.*

BARBARA NICKLAUS SOT:  Jack, even from a young age always wanted to give back.  He really didn’t think about doing something in Columbus till maybe he had been a pro 5 or 6 years.  And he just thought Columbus has been so supportive of me, I’d like to give something back to Columbus.

JACK NICKLAUS SOT:  The golf course itself, it evolves.  The tournament I think has grown year after year after year.  The amount of money we’ve raised for charity, the winners that we’ve had, the players, they love it!

Nats:  It’s a real honor to win this tournament.

JACK NICKLAUS SOT:  I don’t think the players pick the golf courses by purse anymore, they pick the golf courses by places they want to spend a week, and hopefully I think they want to spend it at Muirfield.

DAN SULLIVAN SOT:  Jack has the mindset that this is his ultimate golf course out of all 300 he's built, this is the one that he's focused on to make sure that it is the most recognized in world class. We have a great opportunity with the tournament, to make sure that the golf course is the centerpiece and ensure that people come here for that reason, but also get a sense of being a part of a community being a part of something really big, being a part of something special.

***2C – FRONT NINE REVEAL***

CHRIS COCHRAN SOT: What's so much fun working with Jack is, here he is, arguably the greatest golfer of all time, and you can see he's just playing golf in his mind while he's out there on site. And you can see his mind working, and how he would hit the shot and play. And you know, it's so much fun listening to him.

Storytelling grfx*:  315 DAYS AFTER THE INITIAL WORK BEGAN, MUIRFIELD VILLAGE GOLF CLUB IS READY FOR HER REVEAL.*

Storytelling grfx*:  THE 2021 MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE, THE PERFECT SHOWCASE OF ITS FOUNDER’S VISION.*

Nats: Nats: Roll it off, do a little bit like we had behind 7. Maybe if it’s flat right here, 1.5 here, 1.25 here, you got a couple little, little bit of that.

Jack Nicklaus Sot:  So I’ll take you right through the golf course. The 1st tee I moved a little bit left to get a little bit better angle.  Not much.  We moved it 3 or 4 yards.  Took all the fairway bunkers, eliminated a couple, put them further down the hole.  So you really should play the hole the way it was designed. I never liked the first green. And we had a nice little hill right behind it.  Why I didn’t put it there to start with, I don’t know.

Jack Nicklaus Sot:  Second hole I gained about 8, 10 yards on the tee shot. I took the left front of the green off just a little bit.  Cosmetic, so you had a better view into the left bunker.

Jack Nicklaus Sot:  The third hole, the tee shot was up high, view down the fairway, looked a lot at the houses on the right, so I moved it down the hill about 20 yards.  Now it’s looking down the fairway again and down the creek right to the green. The green, I only had pin placements in the front and the back, so what I did was I took the bunker out of the right side of the green. So now the whole green’s on water. But I softened the middle of the green.  I got a front pin position, I got all the middle and then it floats down into the back.

Jack Nicklaus Sot:   The 4th hole, I always felt the green was a little bit too narrow and limited ourselves to just the left side of the green for pin placements.  Now the green went from the smallest green on the golf course to probably the largest. I got some variety now.

Jack Nicklaus Sot:  Now the 5th tee, I actually lowered the 5th tee, and moved it left, got rid of the hump that sort of was ugly back there, took the whole hill on the right side out. Knocked it down so you could see, took the trees out on the right.  Took the green and moved it back about 30 yards and moved it left. Enlarged the lake so you could see right through the lake.  And put a bunker in the front left and two little bunkers on the right.  I think it’ll be a nice hole.

Jack Nicklaus Sot:  The 6th hole I lengthened it about 12 yards on the tee.  Our Shotlink told us that too many balls were hitting over the bunker. So the bunker became relative which was a new bunker on the left side along with a bunker on the right.  The green, we laid it down a little bit, only the front part of that green was cupable, and I wanted to get a little, few more cups.

Jack Nicklaus Sot:  The 7th hole, the green we moved back and a little bit left.  Instead of getting it this way, I turned it this way, where it dived and run away from you.  When you come into the green, have it roll over into the left side that slips down.

Jack Nicklaus Sot:  8th hole, didn’t really do anything other than that green was built on the old green.  So, we eliminated the new green and the old green and re-did the bunkering so that the build up on the right side, was almost an impossible bunker shot, now it’s dropped a little bit so that you can place a nice bunker shot.

Jack Nicklaus Sot:  9th hole, I took the back left of the green and eliminated it and lengthened the green on the right side down to the water and cut the back bunker in half.  So, I got a little bunker behind the green with the green going down to the water, so I got maybe like three really good pin positions on the water and then maybe one or two in the middle, middle left of the green.

***SEGMENT THREE***

***2A – SHOW RESET***

***2B – SEPTEMBER SITE VISIT***

Nicklaus nats:   Let’s take a ride around the back nine.

Storytelling grfx:  *SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 / 270 DAYS UNTIL THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE*

Nicklaus nats:  The green right now is sort of, little bit like that, and this bunker here sort of wraps around that point.  This might look better if the green was like that a little bit and the bunker was sort of…like that.

Nicklaus nats: I think this really blends nice over here. I think this is good except I think it’s too fast from here to there.  Broadening this slightly maybe knocking this off just a touch right here, maybe not adding anything there, and add a little bit down here.

Off camera nats:  I think we finally got it.

Nicklaus nats:  Close. I may have you start over tomorrow but that’s…(LAUGHTER).

***2C – PLAYERS LOVE MUIRFIELD VILLAGE GOLF CLUB***

Nats Roger Maltbie win:  Roger Matlbie…the first Memorial Champion.

Storytelling grfx:  *SINCE ITS DEBUT ON THE PGA TOUR CALENDAR IN 1976, THE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT PRESENTED BY NATIONWIDE HAS BEEN A FAVORITE AMONG THE PLAYERS.*

Storytelling grfx:  *MUIRFIELD VILLAGE’S NARROW FAIRWAYS AND EXACTING GREENS HAVE CHALLENGED THE VERY BEST FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS*.

Storytelling grfx:  *IT IS SIMPLY PERFECTION.*

RORY MCILROY SOT: Muirfield Village is a course that I have always enjoyed, and I feel like that course is an extension of Jack's personality. He was very methodical and if you think your way around and play smart, you can do well there.

ERNIE ELS SOT: The condition of the course is out of this world, it's what Jack Nicklaus is all about - all about quality. Everything is just absolutely world class.

Storytelling grfx: *CONQUERING MUIRFIELD VILLAGE IS TRULY A DAUNTING FEAT.*

Storytelling grfx:  *ONE MADE EVEN MORE SPECIAL BY THE PRESENCE OF THE MAESTRO HIMSELF.*

JUSTIN ROSE SOT: To walk up the 18th hole and have the luxury of looking for Jack on the back of the 18th green was just the most fantastic feeling.

BRYSON DECHAMBEAU SOT: It's something that will forever be in my heart. Something incredibly special. It was a tremendous honor and I'll never forget that moment.

GREG NORMAN SOT: The Memorial was always one of the top tournaments that every player wants to win.

Annc:  *Greg Norman’s second Memorial victory of the 90s.*

GREG NORMAN SOT:   I wanted to win it because Jack was the guy who really got me into the game of golf.  I wanted to follow in his footsteps to some degree. So to win in his tournament that was even more special.

***SEGMENT FOUR***

***4C – MUIRFIELD VILLAGE’S GREATEST MOMENTS***

Nats Tiger chip in:  I’ve seen it all today.  This is unbelievable.

Storytelling grfx:  *FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS, MUIRFIELD VILLAGE GOLF CLUB HAS BEEN THE STAGE FOR SOME OF THE GAME’S MOST INCREDIBLE MOMENTS.*

Storytelling grfx:  *AND IT’S THE ONLY VENUE TO HOST THE THREE MAJOR TEAM COMPETITIONS – THE SOLHEIM CUP, THE RYDER CUP, AND THE PRESIDENTS CUP.*

Nats Pres Cup:  And you couldn’t play it any better!

Nats Pres Cup: That’s it, oh wow!

Nats Azinger chip in:  Oh yes!

Nats Nicklaus putt at 12:  Trying to make this his 70th TOUR victory. Yessir!

***4D – BACK NINE REVEAL***

Storytelling grfx:  *THE SECOND NINE AT MUIRFIELD VILLAGE GOLF CLUB HAS SEEN SOME OF THE GREATEST MOMENTS IN TOURNAMENT HISTORY.*

Storytelling grfx:  *SO, IT’S DESIGNER TREADED LIGHTLY WHEN IT CAME TO MAKING CHANGES TO THIS FAMED STRETCH.*

Jack Nicklaus sot:  Ten, narrowed the fairway a little bit, moved the green left, allowed myself a little space in the right, back right of the green runs off into fairway area and the fairway goes around the right side of the green with a bunker on the right, bunker in the middle left and a bunker in the back.

Jack Nicklaus sot:  The 11th hole, they moved the green a little bit left.  Before the guys hit down there and they had those trees on the right along the creek bed that sort of hung out and they had to slice it into the green.  And I said, “eh that’s not really the shot, the action that should be required.”

Jack Nicklaus sot:  Twelve I did not touch.

Jack Nicklaus sot:  Thirteen, I narrowed the fairway over the bunker from about 40 yards to about 22 yards and put about 8 or 9 trees along the left side.

Jack Nicklaus sot:  Fourteenth hole I did not change at all.  It’s one of the great little short holes of the game of golf. It’s really fun to play.

Jack Nicklaus sot:  Fifteen, we had a little creek bed from around the tees up to the left side, we fill rolled that in and then I took the fairway and dropped it about 18, 20 feet.  I put four bunkers on the right to take me the transition from the right trees down the hill.  The green I dropped a little bit, moved a little bit to the right.  I put two bunkers on the right.  There will still be a lot of eagles, and there will be some 6s and 7s.

Jack Nicklaus sot: The 16th hole we did it and put it right back the way it was.  And I’m sitting there, I said, “this just doesn’t fit right, this green is not holding the ball.”  They said, “well the green pitches away from you.”  I said, “what?”  So, I took 8 inches out of the center of the green and added 8 inches to the back of the green.  The players will love that hole now.

Jack Nicklaus sot: Seventeen had that real wide fairway that swung around and came back in.  Took the first little bunker you carry it over, took half of that off. And brought the fairway in there, but the bunker that was over to the left, I brought that in about 20 yards.  And then I took the bunker that was on the end of the fairway, moved it in about 4 or 5 yards so we got 16, 17 yards to drive between the two bunkers now.  It’s alright, if they want to do it, it’s fine but if they get it into one of those two bunkers, they’ve got a little bit of work.  Cosmetically you’re looking at it and you won’t see much difference, but it’ll play a lot different.

Jack Nicklaus sot:  And then the 18th hole I didn’t do anything except you know we only had one pin position in the back left of the green.  I softened the right back of the green and lengthened it out with less pitch back a little bit, so that the ball didn’t come up and just run back.  Outside of that I didn’t do anything to the course.

Storytelling grfx:  *THE CHANGES TO MUIRFIELD VILLAGE GOLF CLUB ARE STAGGERING. EVERY HOLE CRAFTED BY THE HANDS OF THE GOLDEN BEAR.*

Storytelling grfx:  *IN JUST OVER 10 MONTHS, NICKLAUS AND HIS TEAM RE-DESIGNING ONE OF THE GREATEST GOLF COURSES ON THE PLANET.*

Storytelling grfx:  *PERHAPS ONE LAST POLISH OF JACK’S HOMETOWN MASTERPIECE.*

Barbara Nicklaus Sot:  Every time he gets to Columbus, he'd like to tinker with something on the golf course, but I think he just wanted a perfect golf course. If Jack goes into something, he goes into it 105%. So he dove into that and it's been the love of his life ever since.

Nicholas LaRocca Sot:  Muirfield Village Golf Club was set up from day one for centuries to come. But now with the golf course where it is today, with all the new technology that the golf course now has, we are set up for a lifetime.

Chad Marks:  To see him go through every hole with such detail and such love for this golf course when you're in it I think you lose sight of the magnitude of what was just accomplished. I don't think anybody's ready for how great it's going to be received.

Jack Nicklaus II Sot:  I've been in a great seat to kind of sit back and watch Dad, do his thing. He's so good at what he's doing and the group that he's assembled here is so talented. The speed of the work is phenomenal.  This is dad's baby. And I don't think you're gonna find a golf course it's going to be tougher, but you're going to find a course that's going to be better.

Chris Cochran Sot: I think we did exactly what Jack wanted, so we'll see after the tournament and the Shotlink data and what the players say. And I'm sure we'll be tinkering with something.

Producer:  He says, this is his last bite of the apple, but I don't think you believe that.

Chris Cochran Sot:  No, no, not at all. He loves it too much. It's his baby.

Jack Nicklaus Sot:  I'm about as happy as a guy could be to start a golf course July 20th, and have it ready the next year and do what we did, are you kidding?

***4E – ROLLOUT/CREDITS***