



Kamloops business owner Chad Gorman, owner of Outland Roofing, was among the first to play at Tobiano when it opened. KTW file photo

Tobiano named top new course

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If you build it, they will come.

And not only did they come, but *SCOREGolf Magazine* recognized the dedication, commitment and hard work, leading it to vote Tobiano the best new golf course in Canada for 2008.

"We are delighted that our team effort has been recognized by course raters from across the country," said Michael Grenier, president of Pagebrook Inc., developer of Tobiano.

The Thomas McBroom-designed Tobiano — was selected above an elite group of golf clubs nationwide, including two others from B.C. — Talking Rock in Chase and Canoe Creek in Salmon Arm.

"The superb work and dedication of Thomas McBroom, director of golf Miles Mortensen, superintendent Terry Smith and our entire Tobiano staff, allow us to present this high-quality product to golfers here in the Thompson Okanagan

and from around the world," Grenier said.

McBroom has designed more than 40 courses across the country.

Grenier noted the award not only honours Tobiano, but also signifies Kamloops and B.C. as one of the nation's premiere golf destinations.

"It is very gratifying to receive this honour and it is doubly satisfying that Kamloops and British Columbia are centre-stage for this prestigious award," he added.

Tobiano offers golfers a par 72 experience and is visually impressive to anyone who's driven past on the highway or played the course.

The course was given an 8.54 rating out of ten by *SCOREGolf Magazine* and calls it "among the top courses in the province."

The 18-hole championship course will challenge even the most experienced of golfers with its 7,328 yards of Nevada-style layout and scenery.

The transformed portion of the Six Mile Ranch over-

looking Kamloops Lake has become a golfer's paradise of sorts in Kamloops and the surrounding areas.

Eleven of McBroom's courses are named in *SCOREGolf's* Top 100 List.

Tobiano will be eligible to be named on the list in 2010.

"I am honoured that Tobiano has been recognized with such a sought-after award," McBroom said.

"What makes me very proud about Tobiano is that there is really nothing else like it anywhere in the world."

Miles Mortensen, director of golf at Tobiano, is thrilled about being recognized as the top new course in Canada.

"To be named *SCOREGolf's* best new golf course in Canada is a phenomenal achievement for Tobiano, developer Michael Grenier and our entire operations team," Mortensen said.

"We will celebrate this award with our entire golf community here in Kamloops and across the province of B.C."