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Scenic Hills Country Club manager Rick Gorman takes a look at the new clubhouse currently under construction. The new facility is expected to open in May.

Scenic Hills clubhouse on par for May opening

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A new \$3.2 million Mediterranean-style clubhouse for Scenic Hills Country Club members is expected to open in early May.

Rick Gorman, the club's general manager, said the new 12,700-square-foot clubhouse replaces a 47-year-old facility that was razed last year after being heavily damaged by Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

Longtime club member Ray Oestricher said club members and guests "are really looking forward to the new facility."

"With the remodeled golf course and the new clubhouse, I think they both complement each other very well," he said.

The new, smaller clubhouse is a much better fit for the club's 180 members than the previous 35,000-square-foot building, Oestricher said.

Gorman said in addition to the new clubhouse, the facility will have an 8,000-square-foot covered golf cart storage area and a 2,400-square-foot outdoor pavilion designed to accommodate parties, weddings and dances.

The new clubhouse's



The new \$3.2 million Mediterranean-style clubhouse at Scenic Hills Country Club is nearing completion.

Scenic Hills Country Club



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- **WHAT'S NEW:** 12,700-square-foot clubhouse.
- **COMPLETION DATE:** Early May.
- **GENERAL CONTRACTOR:** STX, Houston.
- **ENGINEERS:** Jehle and Halstead, Pensacola.
- **ARCHITECT:** Keith Carlson, Houston.
- **ONLINE:** scenicills.com.

banquet room will have seating capacity for up to 180, Gorman said.

"We hope to be moving in May 1," said Gorman.

Gorman said the new clubhouse will be staffed with 14 employees and another 10 will maintain the golf course.