



### About Pierce County

Pierce County borders Puget Sound. At the south of that huge waterway, Pierce County is the second most populous in the state with Tacoma its largest city. It enjoys a fast growing population and a vibrant economy.

### Pierce County's Need

The county acquired a large parcel bordering the Sound in 1992. Over a decade of discussions and planning a project emerged that called for, among other things, a links-style golf course overlooking the Sound. The project came together quickly when, seeing the golf course as a catalyst for a very profitable project, developers proposed a comprehensive and integrated 900-acre development that would create world class possibilities for the community and for the links-course. Naturally, the course clubhouse had to fit the environment, had to be a step up from the normal, was needed fast and would have to be relocatable to eventually make way later for a larger structure.

### The Whitley Solution

Working closely with Patrick Muchmore of Williams Scotsman we designed a building that would fit the County's expectation, on a governmental budget. The project was "fast tracked" with construction, permits and site preparation all underway simultaneously. The course opening was approaching rapidly, and the site needed a clubhouse. Officials felt conventional construction could not meet their deadline and learned that a modular clubhouse could be relocated later and used for another purpose. Local architect Richard Glasman provided a design that was uniquely a-modular featuring an installed truss roof system, and unique siding. The interior finish featured a golden vertical grain fir continuing from the Pro Shop through the bar and restaurant. As usual Whitley thoroughly wrapped each module in plastic topped with a temporary rubber membrane. What was unusual was November 2006 turned out to be the rainiest November on record. Often that extra step of protection is unnecessary, but in this case it may have saved thousands of dollars.

Perched on top of the bluff the restaurant offers one of the most picturesque panoramas in the area with the waters of Puget Sound in the foreground, the Steilacoom ferries crossing below, new Tacoma Narrows Bridge in the distance and the snow capped Olympic Mountains crowning it all.

