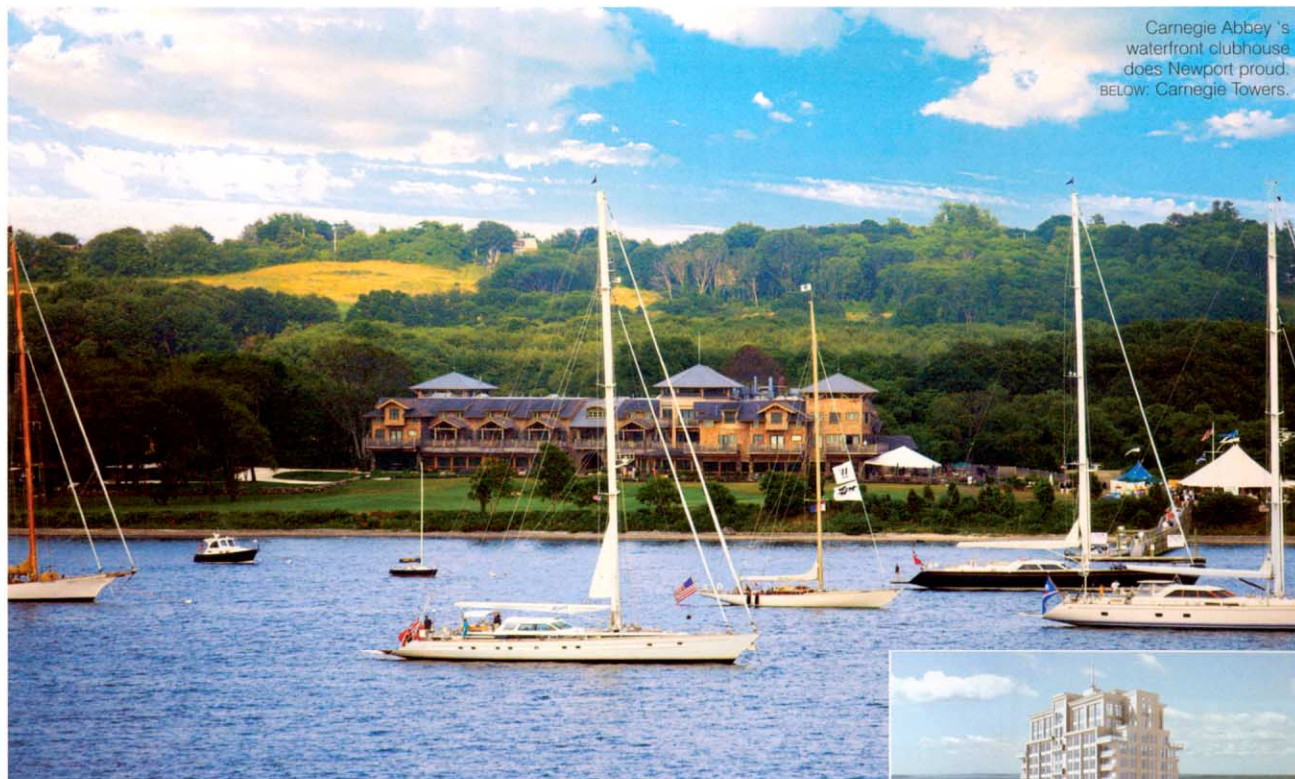


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Newport's Carnegie Abbey is one of the region's top golf resorts. Now, with the addition of its new luxury residences, joining the club is more alluring than ever. **By Terri Stanley**



Carnegie Abbey's waterfront clubhouse does Newport proud. BELOW: Carnegie Towers.



ENTERING THE GATES of Carnegie Abbey is like stepping back in time. An air of old-world elegance infuses this 450-acre Newport, Rhode Island private sporting estate—even though it was founded only six years ago by Peter de Savary, the British entrepreneur responsible for the Carnegie Club at Skibo Castle in Scotland (a mansion once owned by Andrew Carnegie and famous for hosting Madonna's wedding to Guy Ritchie).

Like its Scottish sister club, Carnegie Abbey offers a championship golf course (this one designed by international golf architect, Donald Steel); as well as an 88,000-square-foot wooden-shingled clubhouse; a new equestrian center; the Spa at Carnegie Abbey; and an under-construction private yacht club for boats, yachts, and seaplanes.

But there's more to do at this club than pursue leisure. In 2005, Carnegie Abbey developer J. Brian

O'Neill established the World Leader Series to bring international luminaries to the club for speaking engagements. Last year, Presidents George H. W. Bush and Bill Clinton visited, while this spring saw former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev mingle with and address the club's members on everything from current US-Russia relations to global warming.

For those who want to not only belong to the club, but also live on the grounds, there are 26 "Land Yacht" condominiums in the clubhouse ranging from studios to three-bedrooms, and nearby "Golf House" condominiums. Under construction are 21 "Royal Cottages," designed by renowned architect James Gibson, and the Carnegie Tower, a 220-foot-tall building housing 80 one-to four-bedroom luxury condominiums. All have breathtaking views of Narragansett Bay, with the

latter designed by Boston architectural firm Burt, Hill and due to open in September 2007.

"The thing about Newport is that it has probably the greatest architectural history of mansions in this country," says Carnegie Tower principal architect Steve Britton. "The challenge was to look at the great architects here and take a building that has a frame and scale very different from those mansions and try to emulate that classical history and timeless look." For more information, visit carnegieabbeyclub.com. ♦