

Tournament Destination: Indian River Colony Club

By Joyce Wilden

Colorful golf carts whizzed silently past old oaks while birds twittered and the early August sunrise glinted on dewy grass. The third annual Temple Israel Golf Tournament was underway and 19 teams were participating at Indian River Colony Club in Viera.

“We always enjoy playing the course here,” said Temple Israel tournament organizer, Brian Onek. “Our golfers especially enjoy the challenge – with all the water in play.”

Indian River Colony Club Pro Shop Manager, Wally Bandura smiles. He knows every inch of the private, 18-hole championship course. Most days he interacts with the resident members of IRCC, the 55+ community with private amenities and a country club environment. Many of its members belong to the resident golf association and have mastered the beautifully designed course.

“It’s a lot of fun to hear the reaction of players who have never been out here before,” said Bandura. Most have no idea that they can get this caliber of play from a local Brevard course.” He added, “This is a private course, but we welcome a number of tournaments every year.”

Indian River Colony Club provides a near perfect solution for those charged with finding a location for golf tournaments. In addition to the serene natural beauty of the course, a conveniently located Pro Shop and top notch facilities make the day one that golfers of all skill levels will long remember.

A quick visit to www.IndianRiverColonyClub.com reveals both an overview and a hole-by-hole description of the golf course, which “rewards precise shot-making.” Meticulously maintained by a professional staff, the course is best enjoyed by the enthusiastic golfer, with unique features at each hole.

The Temple Israel players agreed that the fairways were beautifully maintained and the greens putt very true. Onek summed up their annual summer tournament in one word: success.

“The course was in really excellent shape. Many thanks to Wally and his staff – they were all very helpful and a pleasure to work with.”

Wally Bandura and the knowledgeable Pro Shop staff stand ready to assist your organization or corporation with tournament planning and logistics. For additional information and availability, please call 321.255.6050.



ABOUT INDIAN RIVER COLONY CLUB

Indian River Colony Club is truly a "town within a town" of nearly 800 individually owned homes on 453 acres in Viera, Florida. The maintenance-free community enjoys 24-hour gated security and a full complement of country club amenities for active adults aged 55 and over, including an 18-hole, par-72 private golf course.

Once a retirement destination exclusively for military officers, membership has now expanded to include up to twenty percent of former enlisted or non-military personnel over the age of 21 who desire the friendly and active country club lifestyle. Only minutes from the Atlantic, IRCC is close to upscale shopping, medical facilities, Patrick Air Force Base and the local performing arts center. More information about Indian River Colony Club is available on their website at www.IndianRiverColonyClub.com or by calling 877.272.5545.

IRCC GOLF:

- 18-hole, par 72 private course
- Pro shop
- Aqua driving range
- Two putting greens
- Practice bunkers
- 13:1 member-to-hole ratio
- Greens re-grassed in 2009
- Average playing time 3.5-4 hours

AT A GLANCE:

- 55+ Maintenance-free community
- 24-hour gated security w/roving patrols
- Friendly, patriotic neighborhood culture
- Fitness facility, swimming and tennis
- Private dining, executive chef
- Public banquet facilities

HOMES:

- New and remodeled homes available
- Golf course views
- 16 floor plans to 3,000 s.f. living

CLUB STRUCTURE:

- Private, debt-free, Not for Profit Florida corp.
- Owned by members
- Operated by resident board of directors
- Administered by general manager and professional staff



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