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The Concession Brings Classic Design To
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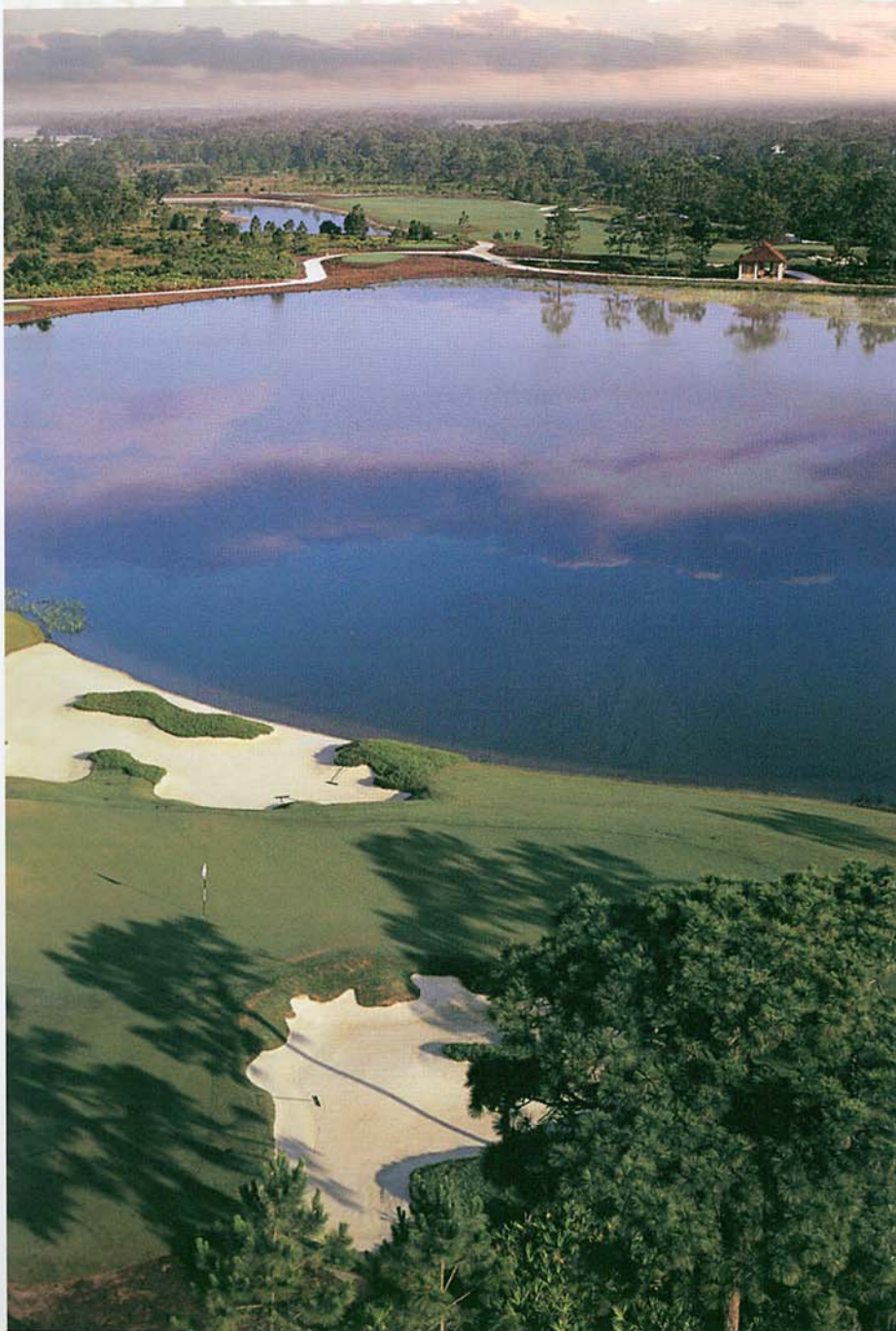




THE CONCESSION CLUBHOUSE — WHERE CLASSIC COMFORT MEETS CLASSIC DESIGN

Jack Nicklaus
A SIGNATURE GOLF COURSE

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A sense of timelessness. A sense of place. A massive oak framed by the two outreaching arms of flanking *porte cocheres* provides the center focus for the front entry to The Concession Golf Clubhouse. Members and residents will feel a sense of déjà vu in this space that recalls the quietly elegant country manors of the European continent.

Developers Kevin Daves of Core Development, Inc. and Richard Lam of Property Markets Group vision for The Concession property combines the elements of a Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course with three residential neighborhoods and The Golf Clubhouse. If The Concession Course, inspired by that incredible moment in golf history when Jack Nicklaus conceded a two-foot putt to Britain's Tony Jacklin at the 1969 Ryder Cup is the soul of this project, then The Golf Clubhouse is definitely the heart.

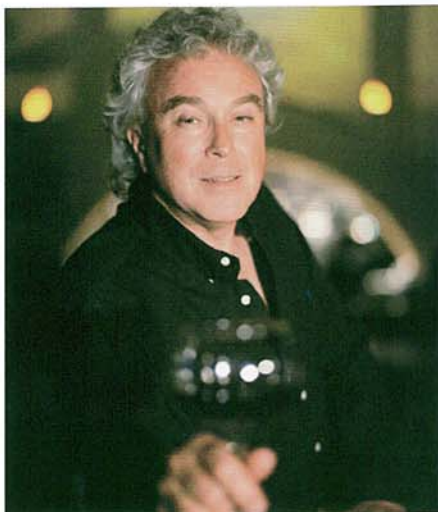
With only 236 homes in the entire community, and a golf membership capped at 300, Daves and Property Markets Group set out to create a club that would feel like an extension of the members' homes. To achieve this goal, they turned to Clay Ulmer, principal in the international firm NCG Architects, Inc., based in Atlanta.

Ulmer and his team, who have designed world-class clubs at Belfair Plantation in Hilton Head; Berkley Hall in Bluffton, SC and Tucker's Point in Bermuda, are



well suited to the task. The resulting product appears to have evolved naturally from the surrounding countryside, seamlessly incorporating the complex functional demands of the club with the design vision of the developers.

“Kevin and Richard asked us to maximize the use of outdoor space and to bring as much Florida sunshine inside as possible,” said Ulmer. “Instead of the typical covered entry found on many Florida clubs, we opened the main entry and used *port cocheres* at the golf and social entrances on either side.”



Sean Murphy, owner of the popular Beach Bistro, brings his talents to The Concession Golf Club

Fashion Designer Adrienne Vittadini, who acts as a consultant to the architectural design of the property, contributed to the overall look by keeping the project focused on the updated classical style that is the hallmark of the community.

The result is a long, slender building with simplified Palladian motifs offering just enough detail in stone sills, columns, arcades and colonnades while maintaining the perfect proportion to complement surrounding homes. The interior spaces spill out to the expansive verandas taking full advantage of the magnificent golf course views.

From the sun-splashed front door, members enter a traditional groin-vaulted foyer. The axial layout leads to a dramatic barrel-vault ceiling living room with a wall of windows offering panoramic golf course views and balanced by a magnificent limestone fireplace.

Interior Designer Suzanne Jacobs of Hirsch Bedner Associates in Atlanta softens the room with cozy chintz-covered roll arm sofa groupings using a palette of Tiffany blue, creams and lemons. Drapery treatments will not cover the windows but rather frame them showcasing the vistas of the course.

Ryder Cup memorabilia accessorizing rooms throughout the Club will be displayed as personal treasures rather than formally presented in cases underscoring the very personal relationship between The Golf Clubhouse and the members.

Club dining is an intimate experience where members may gather for a drink at the deep mahogany bar in the lounge before adjourning to the dining room or one of the spacious verandas. Award-winning Restaurateur Sean Murphy, well known to Sarasota diners for his extraordinary Beach Bistro on nearby Anna Maria Island, is bringing his talents to The Concession promising dining experiences that will be deliciously memorable.

Gracious and graceful, The Concession Club House will provide the perfect spot for relaxing and remembering. The very heart of it all.



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