

New Course Design



Hammock Bay

Hammock Bay Golf & Country Club, an 18-hole private facility located between Naples and Marco Island, is another example of Jacobsen Hardy's ability to forge unique synergies between golf and its immediate environment. In designing and building this award winning facility, Jacobsen Hardy simultaneously re-established native vegetation while showcasing these elements within several ecosystems, including a man-made dunescape. The lake and wetland designs at Hammock Bay allow water to flow throughout the site, from lake to lake, virtually eliminating stagnant conditions and providing an appealing, thriving wildlife habitat. Hammock Bay is one of only 9 facilities world-wide to earn the **Sustainable Development Certified Gold Audubon International Signature**.

One of the toughest tasks facing both Jacobsen Hardy and WCI at Hammock Bay was identifying the right turfgrass, as on-site water resources were high in salinity. Normally selected for greens only, Sea Dwarf Paspalum was chosen for both the greens and fairways. In addition to superb playing conditions, this salt-tolerant dwarf grass has provided the greatest amount of flexibility in mowing heights with the added benefit of reduced maintenance costs.

The course itself is a resort dream: beautiful yet challenging; winding effortlessly through several distinct South Florida environments. Laid out in a continuous 18-hole loop, the first 6 holes form wide corridors flanked by water features, trees and sandy waste areas. Holes 7 thru 15 mark a significant departure - they play through a stunning core area of man-made sand dunes, affectionately called the "Big Dirt". This creation of rolling dunescape transformed a flat, uninteresting, portion of the site into a magnificent stretch of golf offering distant views of Marco Island. The finishing holes are no less stirring, as they cut through mangroves and lake features, creating a scenic and exciting finish.



Hole No. 11

Project Location

Naples, Florida

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