

# FLORIDA GOLF IN THE TALL PINES

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Nestled in the southern slash pines of Delray Beach is Quail Ridge Golf and Tennis Club, a planned residential community started in 1973 and now in the final stages. Two championship golf courses give its resident members an enjoyable golfing challenge.

The south course opened in the fall of 1973 is two years older than the north course, both are creations of architect Joe Lee. Each September Quail Ridge is host for the sectional qualifying of the USGA Seniors Tournament.

Fred Dickson is golf course superintendent. Fred planted the hybrid bermuda turf at Quail Ridge when he was employed for Patten Seed and Turfgrass Company of Tifton, Georgia. After planting the grass Fred stayed and is the only superintendent Quail Ridge has ever had. His previous eleven years experience with Patten made Fred well qualified for his position. He planted courses from Washington D.C. to Arkansas and south into the islands. Under the direction of noted turf specialist, Bill Roquemore, Fred maintained the 1,000 acre nursery and grew-in countless courses. A ten handicap golfer, Fred says he has a unique situation at Quail Ridge with his bermuda greens. "We have Tifgreen 328 on one course and Tifdwarf on the newer course and the putting difference causes problems. The Tifdwarf is the superior surface, with it I can achieve the speed and texture our members desire. We hope to replant the Tifgreen 328 next summer to Tifdwarf." The tees and fairways are Tifway 419 bermuda.

When you stray from the fairway if the pine trees do not cause trouble the sand traps will. The total traps on the two courses number 203, all big and deep. The average green size is 6,000 square feet. All the tees have a high elevation giving a nice panorama of each golf hole.

Quail Ridge is owned by Quail Ridge Limited, and the corporate president is John Dodge. In the near future the residents will assume ownership of the golf courses. Les Frisinger is the director of golf and club manager.

Visiting Quail Ridge leaves the lasting impression of a development done with the natural beauty left as it was found . . . one of the best in South Florida. The exquisite homes and choice villas are beautifully landscaped to fit the charm of the environment. The landscape design and constant maintenance of the villas, club house and roadways is under the direction of Sathena Cabler, Ph.D. Her total staff numbers forty people.

Golfing at Quail Ridge is relaxing in a natural setting and that is the purpose of the game.



*Fred Dickson, Quail Ridge Superintendent, Sathena Capler, Ph.D., landscape designer and Les Frisinger, director of golf.*

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