



# West Coast Buccaneers



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Seven Springs Country Club

Seven Springs Country Club is a 36 hole condominium development located in Pasco County which has as one of its courses a 4,468 yard par 64 Executive Course. This course was built during the early Seventies for the membership of the club only while the Championship Course remains semi-private.,

From a playability standpoint the course is extremely challenging to play for the good golfer to say the least, while high handicappers find the course quite unforgiving.

From a maintenance standpoint the course offers some interesting challenges. The greens average just a shade over 2,200 sq. feet while the tees average around 1,240 sq. feet. Couple these small figures with the fact that during the season we'll average close to 230 rounds per day on the Executive Course, and you can see its pretty hard to keep the putting surfaces looking good and impossible to keep the small tees covered with rye during the busy season. One problem of significance is pin placements on some greens which are under 2,000 sq. feet in size. It is difficult or impossible to have the pins moved far enough

away from the previous day's cut to reduce traffic wear. This problem of small size goes into another area. We also have a few traps on the course but the ones we have are small and demand hand attention instead of using a machine, thus causing a sharp rise in labor costs.

In comparison to the Championship Course the area of maintenance is quite small encompassing only slightly over sixty acres. This necessitates constructing tees that have sufficient teeing area to accommodate mostly iron play yet not look out of place on a course of this size. Another problem in maintaining our Executive Course is accessibility to the course with equipment. All the adjacent property is condominium property which is off limits for our equipment making long out of the way transporting necessary at times.

All in all though the biggest problem I feel that we have is a fine golf course which is played so seldom by the majority of our members and that very few non-members ever get a chance to see.■

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