

Norman's Tiburon opens in Naples

NAPLES, Fla. — The Greg Norman-designed golf course at Tiburon, a resort destination community developed by WCI Communities, has opened.

"The course at Tiburon will be unique to the Naples area because Greg Norman's design provides for a variety of contrasting elements," said David Fry,

senior vice president of amenities at WCI, "such as stacked sod wall bunkers and the use of a tangerine-colored coquina sand in the waste bunkers. The course will contain no roughs, with the highest turf being maintained at a fairway height of one-half inch. The golf course landscape plan has incorporated the use of in-

digenous plants in an effort to create expansive areas of native habitat bordering the fairways."

Construction on an additional nine holes is scheduled this year.

Tiburon, Spanish for "shark," is a master-planned resort community. In addition to the golf course and club, there will also be the Tiburon Golf Academy.



Naples, Fla., gets Greg Norman's newest design, Tiburon.

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contrast to our ill-educated vice president and his weird concept of nature.

Ten years ago, technologies like Global Positioning Systems and laser earthmoving were far from the game of golf. Today they are here — and even instrumental in the operations of some facilities and some course builders. Out in the world, top-secret technology is being "sold" to foreign governments for campaign contributions.

The golf course is the great equalizer. There is no rich and poor on the golf course — just the best striking of the ball. Compare this to the political harangues and government policies that only tear apart Americans based on their income and social status.

Not to be lost in this reflection is the immense and amazing effect that Tiger Woods has had. Many have rightly compared his impact with that of a young Arnold Palmer had on many of us as we watched that new contraption called a television set. Kids of all kinds — black, white and yellow — have flocked to courses from Arkansas to Australia after being stirred by the play and charisma of this young man.

The good part of the decade that we have published is that golf has embarked on an upward spiral in which the game has thrived; more than one golf course per day has opened for four straight years; it has become the popular game of choice; daily-fee courses make up around 85 percent of new facilities; more and more kids are being taken off the street by new First Tee-type programs; and, yes, all seems well with the world.

The bad part of all this is that, as we approach the Year 2000, we in the golf industry must approach it while living in a world that operates under a far different value system. My hope is that we all attempt to walk daily above the muck and not get dragged into it.

Remember that old kids' song, "This little light of mine..."? Yah, that's me singing, man.

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