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The Community

- ◆ Bear's Paw Country Club, Inc., was developed by Shelter Corporation of Canada in 1980 and taken over by the membership in 1986.
- ◆ Bear's Paw Country Club consists of 244 acres located in central Naples, Florida.
- ◆ The 297 properties are comprised of: 192 condominiums, 90 villas and 15 single-family homes.
- Bear's Paw Country Club has the convenience and security of a 24-hour guarded gatehouse located on Golden Gate Parkway.
- ◆ Bear's Paw is only 3.2 miles from the beach and in close proximity to shopping, entertainment, parks and medical facilities.

Recreation

- ◆ Beautiful 18-hole Signature Golf Course designed by Jack Nicklaus with a putting area and driving range.
- ♦ 4 Har-Tru lighted tennis courts.
- ♦ 2 Bocce Ball Courts & 2 Pickleball Courts.
- State of the Art Fitness Center.
- Group fitness classes.
- Kayaks available for rent.
- Marina provides access to the Gordon River and Gulf of Mexico. Boat lifts & slips are available for members' use.







Social Clubs and Events

Bear's Paw Country Club has a wide variety of social activities, clubs and events for both the young, and the young at heart. Being a member of Bear's Paw Country Club is a lifestyle with endless possibilities. Whether you are looking to unwind and relax, or learn a new hobby—you'll experience it here.

Member Clubs provide a time and place to join others in a favorite skill or hobby. It may be grabbing a deck of cards and playing bridge or gin, or gathering a group for kayaking or fishing. Private activity rooms give you the privacy you need to discuss the book of the month, or practice your skills at mahjongg.

When you're not on our Signature Jack Nicklaus Golf Course or spending time with friends on the outside veranda, bar or fire pits, you'll have the opportunity to participate in some of these exciting clubs and activities:

- Book Club
- Men's Card Games
- Men's, Ladies' & Mixed Bridge
- Mahjongg
- Rug Hooking
- Bocce Ball
- Boating
- Fishing
- Biking



Members and their guests have the opportunity to enjoy events such as:

- Season Kick-off & Welcome Back Celebration
- Holiday Dinners & Buffets
- Live Music Nights
- Speaker Series
- Fashion Shows
- Trivia Night
- Easter Egg Hunt
- Annual End-of-Season Party



Membership at Bear's Paw Country Club

Membership Approval Process:

• All new members go through an application process consisting of completing an application form, providing reference letters, background check and board approval.

Resident and Non-Resident Golf Membership

- Resident Golf Initiation Fee \$100,000
- Non-Resident Golf Initiation Fee- \$125,000
- ♦ Annual dues \$14,175
- Annual Capital Reserve Fund fee \$3,000
- ◆ Food & Beverage annual minimum \$1,500
- Non-recallable

Non-Resident Executive Membership (Golf: May-October)

- ◆ Initiation Fee— \$15,000
- ◆ Annual Dues— \$6,521
- ◆ Annual Capital Reserve Fund fee \$1,500
- ◆ Food & Beverage annual minimum \$1,500

Bear's Paw Country Club History

Construction on Bear's Paw Country Club began in the late 1970's and was started by Shelter Corporation of Winnipeg, Canada. John Murphy, an oil man from Columbus, Ohio entered into a contract for the purchase of 245 acres, for the purpose of building a golfing community with a natural setting and embracing wildlife. Murphy concurrently entered into an agreement with Jack Nicklaus Design to construct an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Championship Golf Course. At this time, Golden Gate Boulevard and Airport Pulling Road were solely two-lane roads with little development on either side.

The Bear's Paw name had an obvious reference to the "Golden Bear," a Jack Nicklaus trademark. The official ribbon cutting ceremony of Bear's Paw Country Club was held on December 3, 1980 with Jack Nicklaus and Graham Lount doing the honors and several professional golfers participating in the inaugural events.

In March of 1980, the owners decided to establish the first articles of incorporation and the first Board of Governors. In December of 1985, the Members officially took over and the first annual meeting was held in January of the next year.

In 2005, Bear's Paw Country Club celebrated its 25th anniversary. It was a celebration of friendship, golf and recognition of Bear's Paw as a "pathfinder" of Golf Course Communities in Naples, Florida. Course Architect, Jack Nicklaus was present for the festivities and was quoted saying "Bear's Paw is one of the most unique golfing communities in the nation" and described the Signature Golf Course as "one of the most playable, yet challenging and fun courses" he's been a part of.

In 2015, the members of Bear's Paw voted for a complete restoration of our "Jack Nicklaus Signature Design" golf course. During Jack's first site visit on Friday, February 20, 2015 he made it very clear to us that he planned to deliver a completely new golf course that would be more interesting, more fun and very playable for all skill levels. He also indicated our new course would be more "visually attractive" due to the re-building of all the bunkers.

In 2018, members voted for a complete clubhouse and fitness center renovation. The old building was demolished in the summer of 2018 and the construction of the brand new one started short after that. The new, state-of-the-art clubhouse opened its doors for members on November 1, 2019 - delivered on time and on budget.

Dining

- ◆ A new and improved informal dining space allows for open vistas inside and out.
- The private dining rooms create dedicated space ... as needed ... for formal dining, more flexibility for the many popular private gatherings, luncheons, dinners, cocktail receptions and meetings, special interest clubs that are growing in size and scope, better acoustics, the potential for revenuegenerating events and more.
- Inside/outside bar and a covered veranda to enjoy outside dining.









