Hammock Dunes Club

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The private community's two golf course architects have been rated No. 1 and No. 2 in the world by Golf Digest.

THE OPEN DOCTOR SPEAKS -

"Golf is healthy. Technology benefits the growth of the game. Millennials don't have time or patience to practice, yet yearn to hit the 'home run.' Technology allows average players to accomplish more with less practice. I am working closely with U.S. Kids to incorporate multi-forward tees. Youth are ultra-competitive and want to play from a real tee box, not a marker in the fairway that looks like an afterthought." — REES JONES

PALM COAST, FLORIDA (40 minutes south of Jacksonville): "I've been involved in the redesigns of seven U.S. Open venues," said Rees Jones, noted golf course architect. "I have a keen eye to determine the difference between a *good* course and a *great* course. I'm an admirer of A.W. Tillinghast designs and my philosophy on architecture has evolved over my career. I really don't have a signature look or cookie-cutter pattern. I believe it is best to create a course that is playable for the general membership and then add a back tee for the best players of the game.

"The Creek Course at Hammock Dunes is unlike any other course in Florida," praised Jones. "It is pure golf incorporating the best of Florida's natural habitat. You can't help but have a good feeling, whether you're playing well or not."

The Rees Jones designed Creek Course, with no real estate encroaching on the fairways, is Old Florida as it winds through a tropical hardwood forest and marshes.

Hammock Dunes is a member owned and governed club. Amenities include Tom Fazio and Rees Jones designed courses; two clubhouses (the 34,000 square-foot oceanfront Links Clubhouse and the informal, more intimate Creek Clubhouse); three oceanfront croquet courts; two bocce courts; five Har-Tru tennis courts, and two pickleball courts.

The club has been named a Distinguished Emerald Club of the World by an independent review board from *Boardroom Magazine*—one of only 38 private country clubs around the world to achieve this honor and its Fazio Course is currently undergoing a multi-million dollar upgrade and renovation.

Hammock Dunes, on Central Florida's Atlantic coast, is just south of historic St. Augustine and north of Daytona Beach.

For more information on membership, please visit their website, HammockDunesClub.com.

"You can't really appreciate my course until you see the layout in person. It is adjacent to a spectacular stretch of beach. The colors, topography of land, and movement of water allowed for dramatic design elements." — TOM FAZIO

