



The BallenIsles tennis facility is ranked No.1 in the country by the USTA.

Sister Act

BallenIsles is home to the finest tennis facilities and players in the country.

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA: Tennis, like golf, has been impacted by technology. “I know the golf industry debates merits of advancements, but in my book, technology has been a great positive in tennis,” said Trish Faulkner, tennis director emeritus at BallenIsles.

“It’s easier for beginners to take up the sport and older players to return to the courts.”

Trish, entering her 23rd season at BallenIsles, has a bird’s-eye view watching two of the world’s great tennis players practice at one of the finest tennis facilities. The private community has 20 Har-Tru courts (providing a softer surface that’s easier on the back and knees) and

two hard courts (with conditions similar to the U.S. Open that provides crisper bounces and faster play).

“I think Serena and Venus Williams chose BallenIsles because of its location, weather, security, quality of homes, and, of course, its expansive tennis amenities,” explained Faulkner. “It’s a joy to watch them practice and I learn from them. The sisters are extraordinary athletes and they often will warm-up by playing *left-handed*. I think the drill makes them focus harder on the ball.”



Trish Faulkner pictured with Serena and Venus Williams.

The BallenIsles stadium court seats 500, providing an ideal venue for year-round exhibitions and club tournaments. “We have almost 600 members in our tennis association. It’s an active place with the majority playing three times per week,” continued Faulkner. “Without a doubt, we are a ‘top-10’ tennis facility in the country and in my book, we are the finest in Florida by a long shot.”

CONTINUAL RENEWAL

BallenIsles is a member-owned private community with 1,575 homes. In addition to tennis, members have access to three golf courses, a 72,000 square-foot clubhouse, a 62,000 square-foot sports complex, a Cosmo and Company spa, three restaurants, and a refreshing resort-style pool.

The club recently renovated two of its courses. Its 72,000 square-foot main clubhouse is currently undergoing a transformation and expansion.

“The capital project is a \$35 million enterprise, an amount greater than the cost to build the majority of private clubs in operation across the country today,” said Chris Card, general manager and COO at BallenIsles Country Club. “Best of all, we are able to continue to invest in amenities without assessments—our club’s financials are that strong.” ■

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