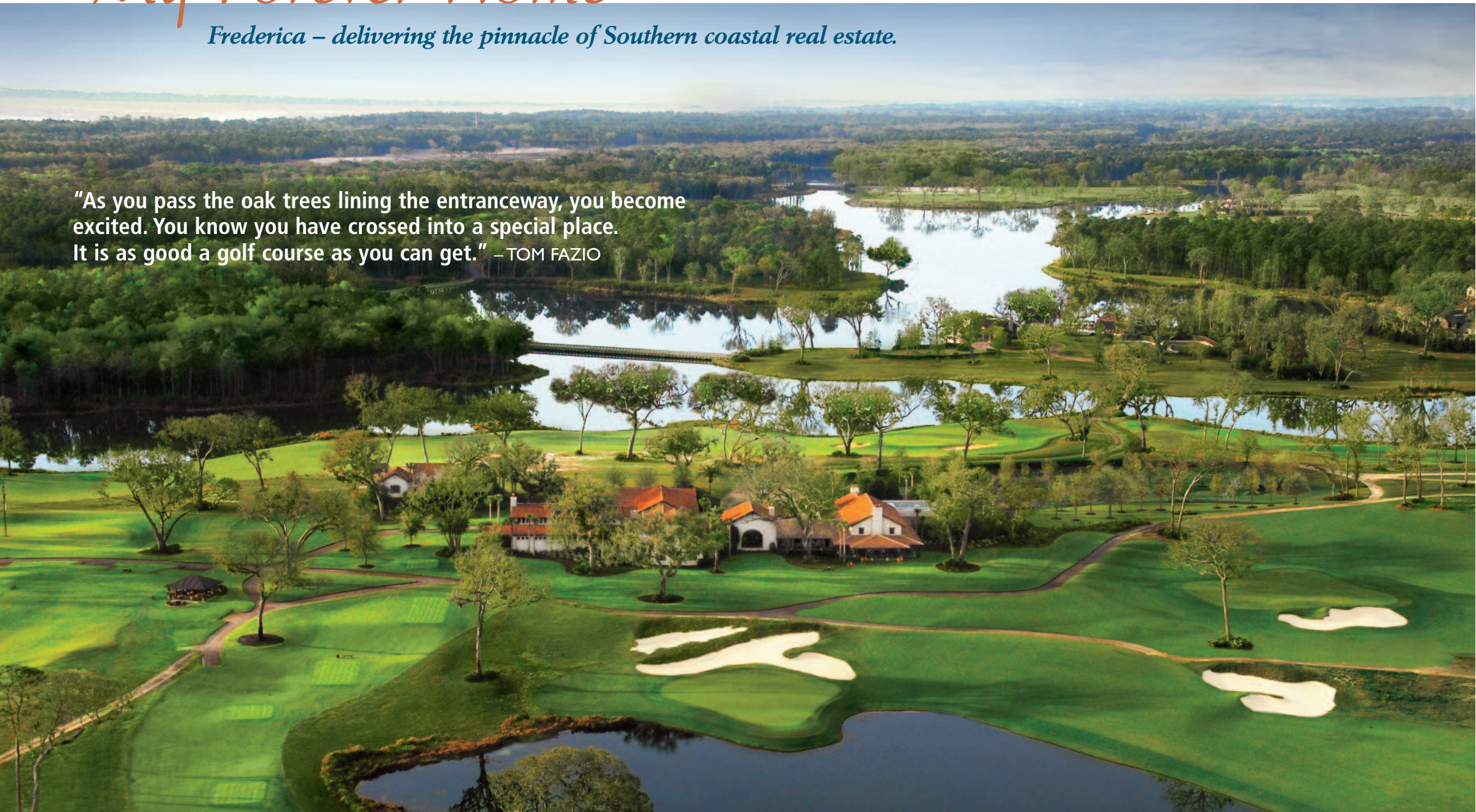


# “My Forever Home”

*Frederica – delivering the pinnacle of Southern coastal real estate.*

“As you pass the oak trees lining the entranceway, you become excited. You know you have crossed into a special place. It is as good a golf course as you can get.” – TOM FAZIO



**FREDERICA IS HOME** to coastal Georgia’s largest fresh water lake, covering more than 450 acres and stocked with largemouth bass and Florida bluegill. The Boathouse is constructed out of reclaimed, 100-year-old sunken logs from a Louisiana bayou.



SAINT SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA: The PGA TOUR schedule is 37 weeks long and players are required to play a minimum of 15 Tour events per season to retain their membership card.

“What avid golfer wouldn’t be jealous of the destinations and courses Tour players have the opportunity to visit,” expressed Rick Shumate, member at Frederica Golf Club. “Before joining, I had seen Frederica’s stunning photography, but what really raised an eyebrow was discovering how many PGA TOUR players, including several former Ryder Cup team members, are on the membership roster. I was intrigued to learn, with all the quality choices available to them, why so many favor one club.”

Frederica Golf Club is a private 3,000-acre community located on the northern part of St. Simons Island, amidst a maritime forest of pine and moss-covered live oak trees. Amenities include a 35,000 square-foot clubhouse and pub, the Adirondack-style Boathouse with access to the bass-filled lakes, an equestrian center, and tennis and fitness facilities.

## THE TIMING WAS RIGHT

“Both Rick and I play golf,” said Bev Shumate. “Our grown sons are living in Atlanta and Miami, so geographically Frederica made sense for our move from California. When



## AN INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

**Pamela and Simon Curtis had a circuitous route discovering Frederica.**

**Living in rural England while managing the family's wool textile business, the couple started their search for a second home about five years ago.**

"Australia was a strong consideration," recalled Simon. "Business trips had taken me to the country more than 90 times over four decades. My brother placed down roots on Saint Simons Island and raved about its culture and climate. During a visit, we realized the area was exactly what we were looking for."

"We feel passionately about ecology," explained Pamela, "and appreciate the respect of the developer and their sensitive approach to development. We trust this precious place is protected by a specialist team always considering the requirements demanded to preserve the balance of nature."

"My days of golf in howling gales and driving rain in the United Kingdom wearing waterproofs have been replaced by playing on a magnificent course typically sporting a pair of shorts and a polo shirt with sun block at the ready," beamed Simon.

we narrowed our list of golf communities in earnest, Frederica seemed to always be top of conversation. The scenery and appeal of Saint Simons Island are hard to argue.

"The turning point for me occurred at a prospective member social mixer," continued Bev. "There must have been close to 40 residents who attended, extolled the lifestyle of Frederica, and welcomed us to the club. I left impressed by the turnout and conviction of the membership. I kept saying to myself, 'these genuine folks can be my new neighbors and friends!'"

Rick and Bev ultimately purchased a homesite and have broken ground on their custom home. "I am the daughter of a homebuilder," explained Bev. "I understand the language. The handoff from architect to builder has been seamless and the real estate team at Frederica has done an excellent job streamlining the process. If you have a question, they always seem to have an answer."



### INTERESTS INTERSECT

"Fate played a role in discovering Frederica. Our trip to the Caribbean a couple of years ago

wouldn't qualify as 'chamber of commerce' perfect," queasily recalled Tracy Williams. "We were on vacation and I contracted food poisoning. It hit me hard and while recovering, I passed the time playing on the computer.

"Almost by accident, I discovered Frederica's website," revealed Tracy. "I love riding horses and my husband Mark golfs. The community seemed like a perfect fit."

Two years later, Tracy and Mark visited and now they are property owners and members of the club.

"We discovered the facilities, as expected, were world class. What impressed us the most was the age of the membership," commented Tracy. "We met so many wonderful younger couples. As we contemplated making a real estate purchase, the homesite we had our eye on sold. It made us hit the panic button and quickened the decision process.

"I have always loved the feel of small town Americana and that's exactly what Saint Simons Island delivers. It is a town where folks genuinely care for one another and the landscape of century old live oaks draped in moss seems romantic," said Tracy.

"In addition to the fantastic golf course and practice facility, I was attracted to the lake-front property, which is vastly different in density than I'm accustomed to in Portland, Oregon," commented Mark Williams. "The homesites are generous in size.

"Another factor in our decision is climate. We had tired of the Pacific Northwest's thick clouds and rain and yearned for a place where we could spend more time outdoors during late fall, winter, and spring. I am looking forward to a lot more boating, biking, and golf while exploring the sunny Golden Isles." ■



Bev (above) and Rick Shumate

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