

# Familiar Territory

*Frenchman's Creek — then and now.*



**AT YOUR SERVICE:** Frenchman's Creek offers complimentary breakfast each morning, roving 24-hour security and paramedic staff, notary, dry cleaning pick-up, a club sommelier, hurricane preparation, shelter, and post cleanup assistance—all offered with a strict no tipping policy.

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLORIDA: J.R. Congdon has an uncommon perspective on the changing landscape of the private golf community marketplace. As director of golf at Frenchman's Creek in the mid 1990s, he returned in the same capacity after an almost 20-year hiatus.

"I guess you could call it my second tour of duty," smiled Congdon. "I have memories of teaching teenagers of members, and now two decades later, those teenagers have kids of their own taking up the game.

"When I look back and evaluate how Frenchman's Creek has evolved, several points stand out," reported Congdon. "Our club's fitness center, which started as a 200 square-foot afterthought with maybe two treadmills, has transformed into a 24,000 square-foot, stand alone, full-service fitness complex with a wellness program affiliated with Jupiter Medical Center. It really is quite remarkable.

"The club always had a nice practice facility, but the short game area is now a standout. I can see why many

members have a habit of spending an afternoon on the range versus sneaking in a quick nine."

Frenchman's Creek offers a tournament schedule with competitions scheduled almost weekly. "Many of our tournaments are social in nature," said Congdon. "The informal Wine & Nine tourneys often draw hundreds of members.

"We also have been proactive in hiring international college students [predominantly from England and South Africa] to assist during season in our caddie and food and beverage departments. It's a program that works well. They are interested in golf careers and are using the internship with us as a stepping stone. Most have a level of attentiveness that few 'local' college students match and bring a certain energy to Frenchman's Creek." ■

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**Although Palm Beach County approved development of 3,300 homes at Frenchman's Creek, only 600 residences (many with deep water access) were built, providing elbow room seldom seen east of I-95.**

## FRENCHMAN'S CREEK BY THE NUMBERS

Jim Fazio and Robert Cupp Courses – Private Beach Club – Lively Sports Bar – 110,000 Square-Foot New Renovated Clubhouse – Stand Alone Fitness Center  
13 Har-Tru Tennis Courts – Three Pickleball and Bocce Ball Courts – Stocked Fishing Lakes – Dog Park – Children's Activity Center