"WE ARE THRILLED to bring the U.S. Senior Women's Amateur to Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club. The Championship annually brings together the top female senior amateurs in the world, and Orchid Island will offer both a great test of golf and wonderful hospitality for the players."— MARK HILL, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF COMPETITIONS, USGA



The community has been a certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary since 2005.

VERO BEACH, FLORIDA: Orchid Island is one of the few private golf clubs in Florida to offer direct beach access. "We are located on a barrier island," explained Matt Boyd, golf course superintendent. "On still mornings, I can taste the salt air on the tip of my tongue and hear the calming sound of nearby waves rolling onshore from our Arnold Palmer golf course."

FISH FOR LUNCH

Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club, a member-owned and debt-free community, offers an array of member amenities beyond golf, including eight Har-Tru tennis courts, two pickleball courts, a mile-long secluded beach, a heated pool with private cabanas, and three separate clubhouses: Golf Club, Beach Club, and Tennis & Wellness Center.

"I can understand why Arnold Palmer described our community as 'one of the nicest spots along the Treasure Coast of Florida,'" said Boyd. "Abundant wildlife is par for the course at Orchid Island. In particular, we have a large otter population. I always get a kick watching pups following their mom around hunting for a fish dinner or frolicking around in our bunkers. I'm even willing to forgive them for not raking the sand after their playful interlude."

Having a healthy otter population is an indicator of a pristine ecosystem. "Otters in some ways are a 'canary in a coal mine.' They will only habitat in the cleanest of water," continued Boyd.

SHOWCASE FOR THE BEST OF GOLF IN FLORIDA This year, Orchid Island will host the U.S. Senior Women's Open Championship.

"It's a great honor to be selected by the USGA," said Boyd. "Vero Beach is known for its quiet and quaint lifestyle. To be chosen as the site for some of the best women amateurs in the country to challenge their skills is a testament to the caliber of our golf course."

For more information on membership and real estate opportunities, visit OrchidIslandGolfAndBeachClub.com, or call (772) 388-3888.