



In the past five years, the private community has invested more than \$40 million in member amenities, including a new Clubhouse, Sports Village, and a new Jack Nicklaus Signature Course.

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WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA: The widely touted theory, highlighted in a 1993 psychology paper and popularized by Malcolm Gladwell's book *Outliers*, says that anyone can master a skill with 10,000 hours of practice. No matter your goal to be a designer, carpenter, surgeon, or musician—years of diligent practice, learning, and repetition are required to become an expert in any field.

A COLLEGE OF LIFE EXPERIENCES

The Club at Ibis is located 20 minutes from every modern convenience in South Florida. The private community is almost a small town. Its 3,000 members (living in 33 distinct neighborhoods) have access to the Sports Village and Clubhouse complex, three Nicklaus family courses, and 16 Har-Tru tennis courts.

"Size provides an important advantage for our community," touted Shelley Friedland, member at The Club at Ibis. "Within our thousands of members you can find like-minded interests in every imaginable career and passion you can think of. The membership's vast knowledge and life experiences provide the foundation for dozens of 'clubs within the club' at Ibis. A deep talent pool has allowed the club to establish a multitude of special interest activities including language classes, craft groups, photography and book clubs, performing arts, events off

campus, and an array of guest speaker series.

"When my husband Rick and I joined Ibis seven years ago, we didn't know a soul. In some ways you could say we made the move cold turkey. I knew Rick would quickly assimilate and meet fellow golfers on the course. As a non-golfer, I was concerned how I would meet new neighbors and adjust to our unknown environment.

"I enjoy playing cards and soon after we moved in, I connected with fellow card players," said Shelley. "I've always been outgoing and decided to create member classes teaching canasta, Mahjong, and refresher bridge. I love it and the opportunity has opened the door to meet so many members. In addition to teaching cards, I have attended wellness and nutrition lectures and joined a water aerobics class. If you have an idea or skill, you can connect with fellow members and enjoy it together."

A THREESOME OF NICKLAUS GOLF

The Club at Ibis can tout it's the only private club in the world to boast three Nicklaus family-designed golf courses: The Legend, The Heritage, and The Tradition, created by Jack Nicklaus Sr., Jack Nicklaus Jr., and Steve Nicklaus.

Each has a slightly different feel. The Legend Course hosted the National Senior Club Professional Championship and the LPGA's Office Depot tournament. *Golfweek* named

THE PALM BEACH COUNTY Chapter of the Association of Professional Fundraisers selected Ibis Charities to receive its 2018 Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation of the year award.

THE CLUB AT IBIS has been recognized by Prevo Health Solutions as one of America's Healthiest Clubs, an industry award that only a small percentage of private clubs have received. Not only was Ibis recognized, it earned a top ranking by exceeding the numeric score of every club assessed to date.

it one of the country's most distinctive courses, and *Golf for Women* rated the Heritage Course most women-friendly in America. "I think it's kind of special that the three of us designed golf courses in the same community," said Jack Nicklaus. "Each stands on its own."

"Whether you are relocating from 250 miles or 2,500 miles, change is a constant," expressed Rick Friedland. "Everything from your doctors to a barber is new.

"I'm an average golfer, sporting a handicap in the low 20s. But, the comfortable golf culture at Ibis was encouraging. At first, I would sign up for any open spot in a four-some. Soon, I connected with fellow members to form a regular group.

"I too followed in my wife's footsteps to share my knowledge and formed a bocce ball league at Ibis. Amazingly, the hardest part of establishing a league was

finding an open spot on the calendar that wouldn't interfere with existing activities," remembered Rick. "Over the past couple of years, the bocce league has grown steadily and we now have 16 teams comprising 200 members.

"Until we joined the club, I didn't have the faintest idea of a proper workout regimen. When Shelley and I took our initial tour of Ibis and entered the expansive fitness facility, I was more interested in its architecture than its exercise equipment. I now have a consistent training plan and can confidently say I've improved my physical and mental well-being. No matter your passion and personality, there's an activity for everyone at Ibis." ■

For more information on membership opportunities at The Club at Ibis, please visit ClubAtIbis.com, or phone (800) 741-4500.



"During season, Ibis has 65 chefs and 25 support staff on its culinary team."

Grassy Waters Nature Preserve, a 12,000-acre, state-protected preserve, with wildlife, birds, and tropical vegetation, is adjacent to Ibis.



"EVERYBODY HAS TALENT. It's just a matter of moving around until you've discovered what it is."

— GEORGE LUCAS, FILMMAKER AND CREATOR OF THE STAR WARS AND INDIANA JONES FRANCHISES

THE CLUB AT IBIS PRACTICE FACILITY is world class, with a 144,000 square-foot tee box covered in seashore paspalum grass.