

# BLACK DIAMOND RANCH

## Where Tom Fazio Artistry Comes Alive

*“The Quarry Course has the best consecutive holes of golf in the world.”*

— DAN JENKINS, LEGENDARY SPORTSWRITER

LECANTO, FLORIDA: Over a decade before Apple introduced the iPhone, Tom Fazio, while traveling in a helicopter around “Florida’s Nature Coast,” exuberantly exclaimed, “What’s that?”

He was referring to an abandoned rock quarry about a 90-minute drive from Tampa and Orlando.

“If you can purchase the land around the quarry, I will build one of the best golf courses in the country... no, for that matter...the world,” breathlessly reported Fazio. Soon afterward, ground broke on Black Diamond Ranch, a private residential community with 45 holes of Fazio golf (Quarry, Ranch, and Highlands courses) and a fun four-hole par-3 course.

“Since the Quarry Course opened, more than one thousand new courses have been built statewide. To this day, its back nine is still one of the ‘must plays’ for purists,” said Tim Cole, general manager. “In some ways, we can thank Mother Nature. When the rock quarry was in full swing, the underground aquifer was pierced, halting operations. As they say, the rest is history.”

### *POLISHING THE DIAMOND*

While searching for a second home in Citrus County, Florida, earlier this year, he discovered Black Diamond Ranch. “After weathering a direct hit from a tornado in Tennessee and unexpected major surgery, the beauty and serenity of Black Diamond Ranch were just what the doctor ordered,” expressed Cole.

Tim arrived at the club in early June and immediately launched new initiatives that have been well received by the membership.

“It’s a great time to be a member at Black Diamond Ranch. Our multi-million-dollar investment in golf course renovations is well underway, and we are working diligently to enhance the member experience throughout the club,” concluded Cole. “We live in a show-me world, and the Black Diamond Ranch management team plans to deliver.” ■

*For updates on inviting events and membership, please visit [BlackDiamondRanch.com](http://BlackDiamondRanch.com).*



The Quarry Course navigates to the edge of a limestone quarry dug 80 feet into the ground and winds through lush tropical vegetation and towering oaks.



The Highlands Course features all the intrigue at half the length.



The Ranch Course provides a myriad of subtle challenges.

The Quarry Course is highly regarded; however, The Ranch Course is a member favorite. Not to be left behind, The Highlands Course is known as a “cool, little track” for those looking to sneak in a quick nine holes.