

# The Club at Ibis Defined by Nicklaus Design excellence.

*With 33 lushly landscaped neighborhoods, it's the size of a small town. Members have access to a sports village and clubhouse complex, three Nicklaus family-designed courses, and 16 Har-Tru tennis courts with sub-surface irrigation systems.*

WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA: The Club at Ibis holds a distinction no other club in the world can claim: home to three Nicklaus family-designed courses.

When the Board approved a major renovation of its Heritage Course (originally designed by Jack Nicklaus II in 1991), Chris Cochran with Nicklaus Design was a natural choice to oversee the project.

"This was the members' favorite course," said Cochran. "Why did they enjoy playing it so much? I wanted to embrace what was good, but fix the troublesome areas."

Chris focused on three items. "First, the course needed some major agronomical issues to correct low-lying areas that pooled water," explained Cochran. "Next, I wanted to soften several holes with forced carries over water. And finally, we created a 'course within the course' that created an entertaining par-3 layout.

"Augusta National—where my boss [Jack Nicklaus] won a record six Masters—served as a template for two of the new greens. The par-5 fourth hole was inspired by the 'punchbowl' eighth at Augusta, and the par-4 fifth hole is modeled after Augusta's large, undulating 14th green. Each tee box is also cut to the same height as the fairway, adding to the aesthetics and decreasing course maintenance costs.

"Each of Ibis's three Nicklaus family-designed courses has its own distinctive character, and with the Heritage renovation complete, the club remains committed to delivering a premier golf experience," concluded Cochran. ■

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The Heritage Course



## In Their Own Words

"Many golfers believe the myth that all of Jack's courses are killer to play. That simply isn't true. You can almost see the progression of his philosophy as he aged by making the routings a little softer."

— MARTIN HALL, DIRECTOR OF INSTRUCTION AT Ibis AND LONGTIME TELEVISION PERSONALITY

"We share a common property line with the 23-square-mile Grassy Waters Preserve. Palm Beach International Airport [PBI] is to the south; the Gardens Mall, Kravis Center, and beaches of Singer Island are due east; and the popular equestrian communities of Wellington are off to our west."

— ROB BORETTI, DIRECTOR OF GOLF AT Ibis

