



Bear Lakes Country Club

Setting Golf on Fire in South Florida

"We firmly believe The Burn represents the beginning of a new chapter in golf course architecture, one that will influence design trends for years to come. We are proud to have created something timeless, authentic, and uniquely Bear Lakes."

—CHRIS HULL, COO/GM
AT BEAR LAKES
COUNTRY CLUB



WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA: From the first time Love Golf Design presented their vision, it was evident Davis Love III and his team were ready to build something special at Bear Lakes Country Club. Their passion, creativity, and understanding of golf architecture ensure this will be a truly legendary golf course.

FROM SPARK TO FULL BURN

"I was an apprentice under Rees Jones as I transitioned from a full-time player to a golf course architect," noted Love. "I'm not a big fan of a certain style. I believe each design must fit the land and not be contrived. Our new signature course at Bear Lakes Country Club is a complete redesign," opined Davis Love III, golf course architect behind the major renewal in progress.

"There is a difference in my mind between what makes a *good* golf course *great*. If you can remember certain holes that make you pause, it must be special, even if you haven't played it yet!"



The Burn (a Scottish term used to identify water channels traversing the course) will be unlike any other course in the region. It combines the strategic shot values and imagination of golf synonymous with the likes of National Golf Links and Fishers Island, with the character and beauty of South Florida. Golden Age architecture, links-style design elements, rolling landforms, palm trees, pine trees, and high-performance Bermuda grasses all come together to create a

distinctive golfing experience.

"The term 'links-style design' is divisive," said Love. "While [The Burn] at Bear Lakes isn't on the coastline [it's inland from the Atlantic Ocean by about four miles], I classify it as an American links course. When we open the course in the coming months, I expect many a golfer to exclaim, 'Oh my gosh, there's nothing like this in all of Florida.'" ■

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