

# Life in Naples

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**The Golf Club  
at Fiddler's Creek**

**2011 WINE FESTIVAL**  
*\$12 Million Raised*

**Philharmonic**  
*Q & A with Sir James Galway*

*Beauty is as natural  
as the air you breathe*





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*W*o one ever said this game called life would be easy. Yet, some of us make our days even more difficult by pursuing a small dimpled sphere around omnipresent water hazards and traps. Today, there is no better scorecard of human tenacity and spirit than this game we call golf. And no greater test of one's ability to master this celebrated pastime than at The Golf Club at Fiddler's Creek® located off of Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island.

Fiddler's Creek® is a private, master-planned, residential community offering unsurpassed elegance amongst a tropical setting and natural beauty of Southwest Florida. Fiddler's Creek encompasses nearly 4,000 acres and boasts exceptional amenities including tropical lagoon-style swimming pools, spa, fitness center, casual and elegant dining, tot lot, tennis courts and an array of residential style homes. Residents also enjoy a very extensive calendar of events from

poolside parties, dinner shows, concerts, themed events, as well as clubs and classes tailored to the entire family.

Most noteworthy amongst Fiddler's Creek's championship golf is the magnificent Creek Course, an awe inspiring 18-hole signature course designed by acclaimed golf course architect Arthur Hills. The Creek Course at Fiddler's Creek® offers a premier golf experience that not only pays homage to Florida's natural beauty, but also seems to enjoy a symbiotic relationship with it. Combining open water, sawgrass marshes and more than 3,000 oaks and palms, this par 72 course with 67 bunkers, broad fairways, signature stone bridges and luxurious Comfort Stations plays 7,150 yards and has seven tee locations to suit players of varied skill levels.

Designed to enhance the dramatic natural environment, the Creek Course is a combination core and finger design with eight holes that play parallel, creating generous



space. Instead of just one “signature” hole, the Creek Course features a series of great holes that are strategic and challenging, yet playable for golfers of all skill levels. The 13-acre driving range and a practice facility includes two short game areas, target greens and fairways.

The Golf Club at Fiddler’s Creek® experience is by no means defined by casual play. Golf Club members also have the opportunity to participate in member-only and member-guest golf tournaments, designed to bring family, friends and fellow golf enthusiasts together. It is the unmistakable spirit of togetherness that immediately sets Fiddler’s Creek® apart.

While the Creek Course certainly joins the ranks of the top-rated golf courses, the planned second course at Fiddler’s Creek® will emerge as yet another extraordinary example of true golf course excellence.

Golfweek magazine has included Fiddler’s Creek® in its Top 100 Best Residential Golf Courses listing for a sixth, consecutive year. Golfweek’s Best Residential Golf Courses program is undertaken by a team of over 300 course raters, drawn from every state. These raters scour the nation and evaluate over 1,800 golf courses on the basis of 10 technical criteria of design excellence. Criteria can include overall strength of routing, feature shaping, natural setting, greens, variety and memorability of holes, conditioning and maintenance, landscape management and other statistical data. Fiddler’s Creek has also been recognized by Links Magazine



as one of America's 100 Premier Properties "Best for Club Life" and by Travel & Leisure Golf as one of America's Top 100 Golf Communities.

Homeowners at Fiddler's Creek also have the opportunity to join The Tarpon Club® with a calendar of social activities, an on-site dedicated concierge as well as spa, meeting room, beach and dining privileges at the Marco Beach Ocean Resort, located on nearby Marco Island. The Tarpon Club Marina includes a full-service marina with direct access to the Gulf of Mexico, wet slip storage\* and a state-of-the-art Dry Boat Storage Facility, with approximately 25,000 square feet and accommodations for up to 150 boats. Marina customers receive excellent service including complimentary ice, boat rinse, engine flush and much more. \*All wet slips within The Tarpon Club Marina are available for rental to the general public on a first-come, first-served basis.

For community information and membership opportunities, please visit [www.fiddlerscreek.com](http://www.fiddlerscreek.com) or call 239.732.9300.



