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Wilderness Country Club residents enjoy abundant outdoor activities

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As Wilderness Country Club residents return for the coming season, they can look forward to a broad array of recreational and social activities that they can enjoy outdoors in a fun and safe environment.

Located on 200 forested acres, Wilderness Country Club is an established community featuring an 18-hole, Arthur Hills golf course and an incredible tropical environment. Outdoor options include golf, tennis, casual bocce, croquet and a private park along with a full schedule of seasonal activities.

The golf program features in-season clinics and private lessons taught by a Master Professional of the Professional Golfers' Association of America. Golfers of all skill levels are welcome to compete on the world-class golf course. Golfers also have access to a practice area where they can work on their game with a driving range, short-game area and putting green, plus a full-service Golf Shop managed by Head Golf Professional Sara Dickson. Each club member has their own golf cart with no trail fees.

The tennis and POP Tennis program at Wilderness Country Club also is quite vibrant with lessons and matches held on the four Har-Tru tennis courts by a U.S. Professional Tennis Association Certified Elite Professional. The tennis program is overseen by Tennis Director Gregory "Spike" Gonzales, who provides instruction to both adults and children in a fashion to make learning and playing fun and fulfilling.

Five salt water and heated swimming pools are conveniently interspersed throughout the community which promote social interactions of all Club residents as they are not segregated by neighborhood.

Residents also take advantage of Frank Park, a private five-acre site dedicated to the pioneering Frank family. The park includes numerous specimen trees and shrubs from

around the world. Many of the trees are now labeled so that visitors can learn their common and Latin names as well as place of origin.

Other features of Frank Park include four Har-Tru bocce courts and a regulation-size croquet court where members can enjoy spirited competition. Also, within the property is a dedicated Dog Park area where members and their four-legged friends can participate in daily “Yappy Hour” social gatherings.

The main clubhouse is a hub of social activity for members and guests. It is here that new members discover how friendly the tight-knit community is. Many weddings and other large family celebrations have been hosted over the years. In season, clubhouse activities include organized Bridge, Gin and Mahjong. On Sundays, there is coordinated, casual bocce and croquet followed by a social gathering.

Photographers and walkers will enjoy the abundance of native plants and wildlife at Wilderness Country Club. More than 80 species of birds, including Bald Eagles, Ospreys, White Ibis, Anhingas, Great Blue Herons, Red Shouldered Hawks, Barred Owls and Swallow Tail Kites, have been documented on the site. In fact, the Club has been designated as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary for more than 20 years.

The lush surroundings at Wilderness Country Club provide the ideal location for the Conservancy of Southwest Florida to use as a safe place to return rehabilitated animals, such as turtles, hawks and owls, to their native environment. Since 2014, Wilderness Country Club has also collaborated with the Conservancy on the not-for-profit organization’s Upper Gordon River Wildlife Corridor project.

Wilderness Country Club is one of the lowest density communities in Southwest Florida, featuring just 300 condominium residences ranging from approximately 1,700 to 3,000 square feet of living space.

Many of the two- and three-bedroom residences have been fully refurbished for resale while others are a blank canvas allowing buyers to use their imagination and create a home that suits their unique needs. Each condominium residence features an abundance of glass that helps bring the natural beauty inside.

Wilderness County Club is situated on the east side of Goodlette-Frank Road just north of Golden Gate Parkway and holds the distinction of being the very first private, gated golf course community with a mandatory membership built in Naples. It is conveniently located

just minutes from fine dining, arts and entertainment, and shops on Fifth Avenue South and the white, sand beaches of the Gulf of Mexico.

A wide variety of opportunities currently exist for homebuyers looking to purchase an existing condominium in a private, gated golf course community within the heart of Naples. For additional information or to view available properties for sale, call 239-261-6060 or visit www.wildernesscc.com.