



Fiddler's Creek among top 4 percent of private clubs in the world with second Distinguished Emerald Club designation

The Club & Spa at Fiddler's Creek in Naples has once again been honored among the world's most elite private clubs. Revered by members for its resort-inspired amenities and the perennial Golfweek Magazine top-ranked Creek Course, the club was named a Distinguished Emerald Club of the World for a second consecutive year by BoardRoom magazine. The club earned the elite status following an evaluation of the member experience in 10 categories, including golf, dining, fitness and clubhouse.

The prestigious honor is attained by only 4 percent of private clubs internationally.

"Receiving the Distinguished Emerald Club designation for two consecutive years demonstrates our efforts to continually elevate the club experience for our members and their guests," said Aubrey Ferrao, CEO of Fiddler's Creek Community LLC. "We are dedicated to providing exceptional amenities and service at Fiddler's Creek, and this award recognizes and honors that commitment."

The Distinguished Club of the World program is presented by BoardRoom magazine to laud private clubs that excel at serving their members. Only clubs scoring nine or above on a 10-point system are awarded Distinguished Emerald Club status.

"We congratulate Fiddler's Creek for being named a Distinguished Emerald Club for a second year," said John Fornaro, the publisher of BoardRoom, considered the most influential trade publication in the private club industry. "Special recognition also goes to the management team, as well department heads and the entire staff, for their efforts in providing an excellent member experience."

Fiddler's Creek was considered for inclusion after receiving peer recommendations by the program's nominating committee, comprised of private club general managers and industry experts.

BoardRoom executives then visited nominated clubs, scoring them on a proprietary system focusing on food and beverage service, golf operations and courses, tennis, aquatics, spa and club facilities.

They also considered intangible qualities such as reputation, tradition, history, community, lore, and the hard-to-describe experiences that make a great club. Also important are member camaraderie and pride; management and staff's attention to quality; overall governance; and the physical environ-



ment.

"Our members have always enjoyed an unrivaled experience at The Club & Spa at Fiddler's Creek," said Ron Albeit, general manager. "Being named a Distinguished Emerald Club truly is one of the top honors a private club can receive. It really gives our members bragging rights."

Residents of the award-winning master-planned community enjoy the resort-inspired amenities of the 54,000-square-foot Club & Spa at Fiddler's Creek, including a fitness center, tropical lagoon-style swimming complex, tennis courts, and casual and elegant dining at Caxambas and the Gator Grille.

Fiddler's Creek also offers an extensive social calendar including themed parties, happy hours, clubs and classes for residents of all ages.

Fiddler's Creek residents seeking a beach and boating lifestyle have the opportunity to join The Tarpon Club. As members, they enjoy use of a full-service marina, social events on and off the water, and luxury beach, resort



onships, golf instruction and social events are among the special activities that fill members' calendars.

A limited number of nonresident annual and seasonal memberships, with term date flexibility, are currently available at both The Golf Club and The Tarpon Club.

Fiddler's Creek is located on Collier Boulevard on the way to Marco Island. Nearly two-thirds of the community is dedicated to nature preserves, parks, golf courses, recreational areas and water, including restored historic and natural water flow ways and the namesake Fiddler's Creek.

Homes in the Fiddler's Creek community are located within picturesque residential villages and include coach, villa, single-family and custom estate homes.

Preconstruction and move-in ready homes at Fiddler's Creek are priced from the \$400,000s to over \$2 million and are offered by six preferred homebuilders – Taylor Morrison, Harbour-side Custom Homes, Stock Signature Homes, Lennar Homes, Ashton Woods Homes and D.R. Horton.

For membership details and more information about Fiddler's Creek, call 239-732-9300, stop by the Fiddler's Creek Information Center at 8152 Fiddler's Creek Parkway, or visit www.fiddlerscreek.com.



and spa privileges at nearby Marco Beach Ocean Resort, ranked among the Top Resorts in the U.S. by Travel + Leisure's World's Best Awards and by Conde Nast Traveler.

Additionally, residents of the 4,000-acre Fiddler's Creek have the opportunity to enjoy championship golf by joining The Golf Club at Fiddler's Creek. Designed by celebrated course architect Arthur Hills, the signature 18-hole Creek Course has been named among Golfweek Magazine's Top 100 Best Residential Golf Courses in the country for 12 consecutive years. Hills created this special experience in harmony with nature, mindful of existing marshlands, nature preserves, creeks and waterways.

The Golf Club at Fiddler's Creek also offers a full-service practice facility with a driving range and short-game area with bunkers, advance tee times and an off-season reciprocal program. Tournaments, invitationals, club champi-