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We invite you to discover the pleasures and privileges of membership at Audubon Country Club, one of Naples's most established and well respected clubs.



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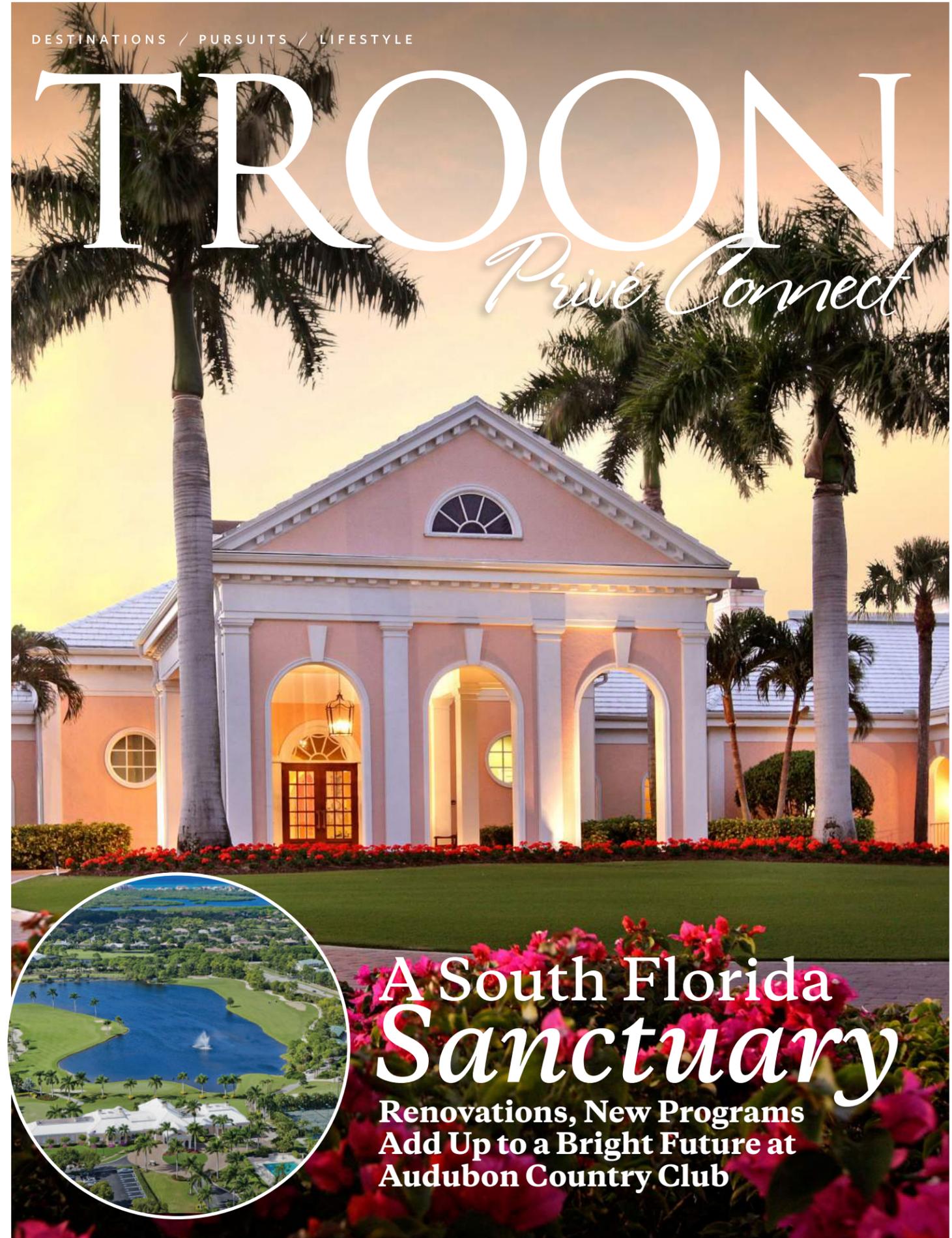


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A South Florida Sanctuary

**Renovations, New Programs
Add Up to a Bright Future at
Audubon Country Club**



By **Sally J. Sportsman**



ASKED TO IDENTIFY the defining element of their club, several members of Audubon Country Club, in Naples, Fla., said it's the sunsets. Upstairs in the clubhouse, west-facing windows form a panorama to the glory of each evening's setting sun, something that has thankfully not changed since the private, member-owned facility opened in 1988.

Change has been in the air recently, though, and even longtime members are enthused.

"As part of the club's desire to remain first class, we always want to have the best offerings we can," says Michael Rodriguez, general manager.

That desire has resulted in an extensive renovation of many facets of the facility over the past several years, culminating in 2016.

A CLUB WITH APPEAL

Audubon Country Club is resplendent with greenery, flowering plants, shade trees, birds, and wildlife. Its park-like setting is interspersed with twenty-eight lakes, and more than half of the acreage is dedicated to preserve areas. The exclusive gated property is an oasis of calm and relaxation.

"After Annette and I were married almost eight years ago, we became very active members of the club," says Terry Faulk. "Of course the activities, especially golf, are terrific, but it's the other members that make Audubon a special place."

Superlative member service enhances enjoyment of the club's extensive array of amenities. These include an attractive clubhouse with both casual and fine dining,

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a comprehensive tennis program, the only full-size croquet courts in Naples, an Olympic-sized heated pool, a state-of-the-art fitness center with a variety of offerings, and two new, official regulation Har-Tru bocce courts, lit for night play and offering organized seasonal games and leagues.

"When I first attended a Friday night happy hour, I thought I would meet someone, chat, and go home," says Pam Meehan. "Well, I did meet a roomful of interesting people, and finally got home after having a delightful dinner with some new friends. Within a week I joined a morning walking group, became an early morning exercise groupie, and joined the Thursday domino social club. From the general manager down, the atmosphere is so inclusive and welcoming."

And then there's golf. Challenging enough to keep the interest of the most accomplished players yet enjoyable for everyone, the golf course is set among lakes, preserves, and gracious custom homes. Encouraging play with its beauty and strategic challenge, the layout offers five teeing options. A compatible foursome is never hard to find, and instruction is available to beginners and experienced players alike.

Tournaments, outings, and a variety of events keep things interesting all the time. And the golf shop is fully stocked with first-rate equipment and apparel. What possibly could be improved at such an enchanting place?

RENOVATIONS FOR ENHANCED ENJOYMENT

The clubhouse has been reconfigured and updated over the last two years, notes Rodriguez. Its new character is a mixture of old Florida and an island feel. Bright colors, wicker, wall texturing, and new flooring have been installed. The golf shop was moved to a different location, and the fitness center, overlooking the 18th green and a fountain, was enlarged. The parking lot was redone completely,

with new landscaping, curbing, and asphalt.

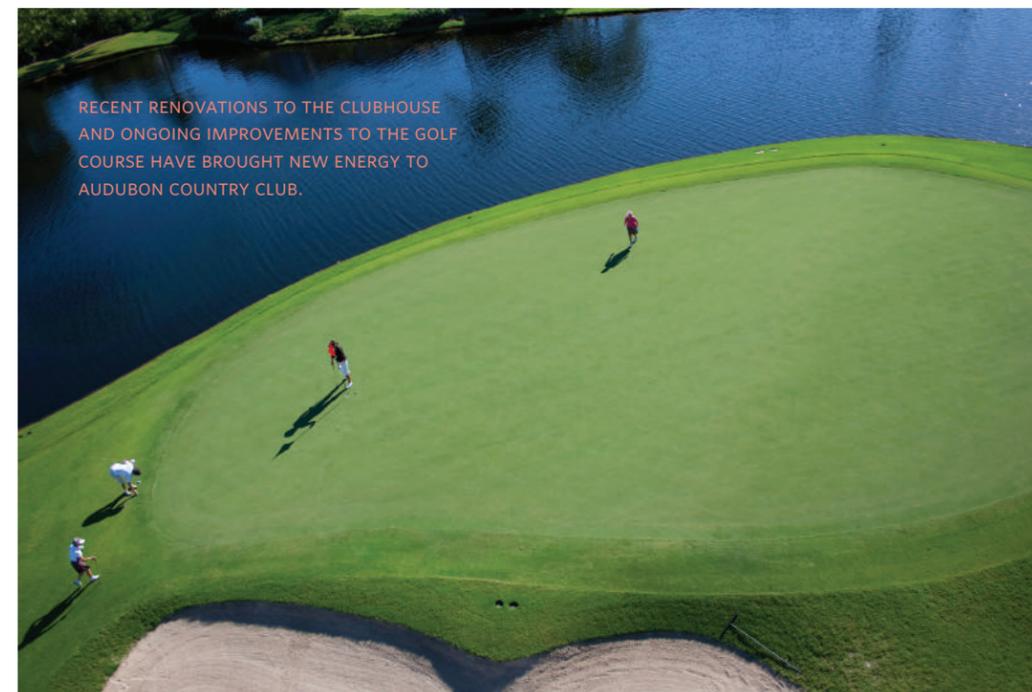
The golf course is receiving attention, too. The fairways on the back nine holes were regrassed with more tolerant, lush Bermuda grass, and the bunkers were redone. This year, the front nine and the driving range are being regrassed, and additional target areas installed for member practice sessions. The short game center has been planted with Celebration Bermuda grass, and the practice bunker has been revamped.

"The changes to the golf course will improve playability, aesthetics, and maintenance," says Justin DeFont, head professional at the club. "Bulkhead work, to help the shoreline around the ponds, creates a defined look and provides protection to prevent erosion."

Fresh shrubbery was planted to cover the property's boundary fence. Tee boxes were moved and expanded, and some were added.

"These course upgrades will accommodate play and show variety to different players," DeFont says.

The expansive transformations are being warmly received by Audubon Country Club members. Families and friends share fond memories even as they look with anticipation to all the pleasures that lie ahead. A place of joy and refuge, the club truly is a sanctuary, now even more than ever. ■



RECENT RENOVATIONS TO THE CLUBHOUSE AND ONGOING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE GOLF COURSE HAVE BROUGHT NEW ENERGY TO AUDUBON COUNTRY CLUB.