



## **Golf Club Business**

# **The Emerald Dunes Club Creates Impressive Game Improvement and Practice Facilities**

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### **--New Tom Fazio Short Game Area Opens--**

With the recent completion of its Tom Fazio Golf Course Master Plan, The Emerald Dunes Club paid particular attention to expanding upon the extensive practice and game improvement facilities available for members. A significant addition is the separate new Tom Fazio Short Game Area that occupies over four acres and is conveniently located adjacent to the clubhouse's verandah overlooking the 18th hole.

This world-class amenity offers five Champion Bermuda Grass greens, comprised of multiple target and chipping greens. A superb 9,500 square-foot putting green complements the variety of short game practice options. The generous area also offers members six sand greenside bunkers and one grass pot bunker, providing an exceptional opportunity to work on every scoring shot from 100 yards in. To settle ties after an 18-hole match, the Tom Fazio Short Game Area has a dedicated par-3 "bye hole" or 19th hole that can be played from 85 yards with a front tee placement to 135 yards from the back tee. Importantly, all greens and playable areas are constructed to USGA specifications mirroring the exact playing conditions on the course.

"With the new Short Game Area, we added more green space," stated Tom Fazio. "We've mimicked anything you will encounter on the course here. Practice is an integral part of the game and this is a spectacular amenity that allows golfers to tune-up their short game. This area gave me a chance to make a significant addition to the golf experience at Emerald Dunes."

Members also can enjoy the 310-yard, eight-acre double-sided range behind the clubhouse to work on every shot imaginable in all wind conditions. From the front of the range, you can hit full shots toward five target greens ranging in length from 50 to 225 yards from the center of the tee. A shallow-faced bunker to the side of the front tee allows practice of fairway bunker shots. At the back of the range is a 1,500 square foot Golf Learning Center equipped with two teaching bays where club pros use video and state-of-the-art computer training tools to help members improve. The high-end golf center, inclusive of a club-fitting and repair area, rivals any indoor teaching studio in south Florida. A 3,116 square foot chipping green with a greenside bunker is adjacent to the Golf Learning Center, as well as four mini chipping target greens. The main putting green is situated outside the clubhouse's pro shop and adjacent to the first tee to complete the suite of incomparable practice amenities of the club.

With the new Tom Fazio Short Game Area, the addition of the Golf Learning Center and other improvements, Emerald Dunes can confidently claim that the club provides one of the nation's finest and most extensive practice and game improvement facilities.