



MIAKKA GOLF CLUB IS OFFICIALLY UNDERWAY

What a launch party. Miakka Golf Club is officially underway, and the expectations couldn't be higher. For those of you who joined us for this historic event, thank you. It was a great overview of the magic that is to come. For those who couldn't attend, we missed you, and we will do our best here to provide a recap of all the fun.



EVENT RECAP

The groundbreaking event started with a fabulous buffet lunch under the pavilion at TerraNova Equestrian Center. The weather was nearly perfect with bright sunshine and just a few puffy, fair-weather clouds. Everyone had a wonderful time mingling, catching up with old friends and meeting new ones.

As lunch was winding down, the guests were treated to a panel discussion featuring owner Steve Herrig, PGA TOUR star and co-designer Paul Azinger, golf architects Dana Fry and Jason Straka, and clubhouse architect Mark Myers.

The group not only spoke about the vision for the golf club, but they also provided the guests with a glimpse of the deep mutual respect and admiration they have for each other. Individually, Paul spoke of his personal connections to the area and his friendship with Steve. Steve spoke of Miakka as a place that will bring people together and build meaningful connections. Dana and Jason highlighted the extraordinary lengths to which Miakka Golf Club is going to ensure its members of experiencing the finest possible golf experience. And Mark discussed the club's overarching commitment to authenticity and sense of place.



Following the panel discussion, the guests rode in luxury motorcoaches the short distance to the golf course. Here they gathered for the official groundbreaking, with Steve introducing his immediate family to the guests, and Steve, Paul, Dana, and Jason planting antique shovels in the earth. Guests then followed the quartet to the top of a high berm. The crest of this berm was at the level of the future clubhouse patio. It provided a commanding 270-degree view from the clubhouse site to the Myakka River. Dana and Jason explained the course routing from here and provided an overview of the thrills that lay in store.

NEW MIAKKA DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Also announced during the groundbreaking was the new timeline for Miakka Golf Club's creation. The club will open the 18-hole golf course, along with approximately 3 cabins, The Still and 40-acre lake first. Play is expected to begin by the end of 2025. Clubhouse construction will begin once permits are in place in 2024.



TAKING SHAPE

One of the highlights of the groundbreaking was the opportunity for members and guests to visit the future golf course site. The volume of work underway was incredibly impressive. In terms of equipment, crews currently are operating 16 off road haul trucks, 11 bulldozers, 6 backhoes, 1 roller, 3 water tankers, 1 front-end loader, and 1 farm tractor with grader and disc attachments daily. More haul trucks and bulldozers expected next week. Additionally, according to Jason Straka, six of the world's best golf course shapers are busy on site every day.

As of the groundbreaking, the shapers were creating the forms that eventually will become the first and second holes of the golf course. Other crew members were excavating the 40-acre recreational lake that will become the centerpiece for the cabins and The Still. Crews estimate they will excavate roughly 2.6 million cubic yards of earth from the lake, and an additional 100,000 cubic yards from the cattle ponds. This fill is being used to create a large earthen platform that will raise the clubhouse elevation an additional 20 to 30 feet and provide contours that will add remarkable character and beauty to the 1st, 9th, 10th, and 18th holes. The elevation also will ensure Miakka members enjoy spectacular sweeping views of the golf course and Myakka River unlike anything else in Florida.

We can't wait to watch Miakka Golf Club come to life. For questions or more information, please contact Erik Whitehead, ewhitehead@miakkagc.com.

