

Celebration Golf Club

Celebrating Golf at Every Level



“Celebrating Golf at Every Level” is a catchy tag-line, a nice play on words at the home of golf in the renowned Disney town of Celebration, the master-planned community near Disney World and I-Drive just outside Orlando.

It also happens to be true.

From the pros who come to test the “longest 6,800 yards you’ll ever play” at the Celebrity Invitational charity event on the Monday after Bay Hill (John Daly set the course record one year, with a 63), to the young pros-in-their-dreams who are involved in the wildly successful junior program at the Celebration Golf Academy, to the many residents, visitors and families of all ages who get a unique golf experience every time they play this rare design of Robert Trent Jones, Sr. and his son RTJ, Jr., Celebration Golf Club really does passionately celebrate the game.

And you’ll likely find these folks more

committed to sharing the joys of the game than anywhere else. Celebration doesn’t just rent clubs from Callaway and Ping, they were named Ping’s 2005 Clubfitter of the Year. From the latest-edition Uplink GPS Inova system built right into the dashboard of every cart, to the Red Carpet Tournament Services Partnership program that personalizes each group or charity outing (even giving back to the charity), to a Golf Academy featuring professional instructors that’s been recognized with the National Golf Course Owners Association’s Player Development Award, to dining at the Windmill Restaurant and historic Jones Room that caters (literally) to the desires of hungry and thirsty golfers as well as meetings, receptions and weddings on their gorgeous “East Lawn”, every experience is designed to exceed your expectations.

Speaking of the “lawn,” Celebration’s beauty is the equal of the challenge of its



game. The landscaping is spectacular, much of it natural with native marshes, grasses, pines and old moss-draped oaks that are home for a vast array of wildlife that truly makes this a celebration of nature as well. Celebration is celebrating its 10th birthday with yet another 4-1/2 Star rating from *Golf Digest's* Places to Play (there are no higher-rated public courses in Florida). One of the challenges, and rewards, of playing Celebration is that even though much of the layout suggests a target-style plan of attack, there are two or three ways to play every hole, and the more you play the course, the better you'll understand what the Jones' had in mind.

Though under 6,800 yards from the back tees, with only one par-4 on each side over 400 yards from the tips, there's plenty of trouble to celebrate conquering (water on 17 of the 18 holes and bunkers galore). Each nine has a fabulous finish, the front side with three

progressively shorter, yet similarly treacherous par-4s, where the bunkers are actually your best targets. On the three finishing holes of the back side, water comes into play if you hit short, or long. The watchword to scoring at Celebration is "don't be greedy." Find your comfortable distance to approach the greens and hit your drives to that distance.

Celebration has added national events like the Buick Scramble National Championships and Mutual of Omaha's National Drive, Chip and Putt Championship to its list of wonderful local charity events. Celebration is one of those unique courses that you'll actually appreciate and enjoy the more you play it. To **Celebrate** golf for the first time, or the next time, visit www.celebrationgolf.com or call 407-566-GOLF locally or toll free 888-2-PLAY-18. ■