

2026 Venice Golf Community Buyer's Guide

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Golfing in Venice: Know Before You Buy

Venice offers an unusually broad mix of golf lifestyles: private member-owned clubs, semi-private clubs, bundled-golf neighborhoods, optional memberships, and fully public courses. That means the best home is not always the one closest to a fairway — the membership structure matters just as much as the address. Understanding how golf access works in each community is essential before making an offer.

Community	Home Types	Approx. 2026 Price	Golf Structure
Pelican Pointe	Villa / SFH	$250K–$1.1M+	Optional; semi-private
Plantation G&CC	Condo / Villa / SFH	$170K–$900K+	Optional club membership
Venice G&CC	Condo / Villa / SFH	$424K–$1.30M	Homeowners choose Golf or Club
Sarasota National	Coach / Villa / SFH	$320K–$1.1M+	Golf Village bundled
Venetian G&RC	Condo / Villa / SFH	$350K–$1.15M	River Club included; golf separate
Wellen Park G&CC	Condo / Villa / SFH	$240K–$1.0M+	Bundled on designated homes

Price ranges are approximate asking-price/market ranges, not appraisals. Always verify current inventory, fees, and membership terms before purchase.

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ESTABLISHED FAVORITES

Pelican Pointe



$250K – $1.1M+ · Villas + Single-Family Homes

Golf: 27 holes across three rotating nines. Golf membership is **optional** and completely separate from homeownership. The 2026 Gateway initiation is $4,500, with no F&B minimum or capital/operating assessments advertised by the club.

Pelican Pointe is transitioning toward private status and advertises **dozens of summer reciprocal courses** through October — a major benefit for seasonal residents who want variety.

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ESTABLISHED FAVORITES



Plantation Golf & Country Club

$170K – $900K+ · Condos + Villas + Single-Family Homes

Golf: 36 holes across the Bobcat and Panther courses. Homeownership and club membership are **separate**. Full Golf membership: approx. $15,000 initiation + $8,580 annual dues (2026 published estimate).

Full Golf includes golf plus pool, fitness, tennis, pickleball, bocce, and social/dining access. A Sports/Fitness-only membership is also available for residents who prefer non-golf amenities.

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PRIVATE · MEMBER-OWNED

Venice Golf & Country Club



HOMEOWNERS ONLY · PRIVATE

Current asking range: roughly **$424,000 to $1.295M** as of September 2026. Predominantly single-family homes in a well-established, member-owned community.

All homeowners select either a **Golf membership** or a **Club membership**. Club membership includes the clubhouse, wellness center, tennis, aquatics, and dining. Golf membership availability and current dues should be confirmed directly with the club.

Golf Membership

Full course access; dues and availability confirmed with club

Club Membership

Clubhouse, wellness, tennis, aquatics & dining

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BUNDLED & RESORT-STYLE

Sarasota National & Wellen Park G&CC

In bundled-golf communities, golf access is built into the ownership experience — often tied to specific home types or villages within the development. These newer, resort-style communities offer extensive amenities and preserve land alongside championship golf.

Sarasota National

$320K – $1.1M+ · Coach / Villa / SFH

Golf: 18-hole Gordon Lewis championship course. **Golf Village** homes include golf membership; **Lake Village** homes do not. Community amenities serve all residents regardless of village.

1,584 homes set amid extensive preserve land. A **$5,000 capital contribution** has been published at closing; HOA/CDD and golf-related charges vary by property. Always confirm which village and membership type a specific home carries.

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BUNDLED GOLF · RESORT-STYLE LIVING

Wellen Park Golf & Country Club

As a newer Lennar community, Wellen Park Golf & Country Club offers a contemporary bundled golf experience near the vibrant Downtown Wellen. It's designed for those seeking a resort-style lifestyle with golf integrated directly into their homeownership.

$240K – $1.0M+ · Condos / Villas / Single-Family Homes

18-Hole Gordon Lewis Course

Enjoy a meticulously designed championship course, offering challenges and beauty for golfers of all skill levels.

Bundled Golf for Designated Homes

Golf membership is included with the purchase of specific homes within the community, providing seamless access to the course and practice facilities.

It's crucial to **confirm the specific membership attached to the exact property** you are interested in before making an offer, as some homes may carry social access only rather than bundled golf.

Published 2026 HOA estimates at Wellen Park G&CC vary by product type but often include golf, cable/internet, landscaping, and access to a wide array of resort amenities. This makes it a highly all-inclusive option for buyers looking for convenience and a comprehensive lifestyle package.

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RIVER CLUB INCLUDED · GOLF SEPARATE

Venetian Golf & River Club

Recent active listings span roughly **$350,000 to $1.15M**, with condos, villas and single-family homes available. The Venetian offers a distinctive split structure: the River Club is tied to homeownership, while golf is operated separately.

🏊 River Club (Included)

Tied directly to homeownership. Includes dining, fitness, resort and lap pools, and racquet amenities. No separate golf commitment required to enjoy the full River Club lifestyle.

⛳ Golf (Separate)

Operated by Venetian Golf Club with resident and non-resident membership options. Current golf pricing should be requested directly from the club — it is not bundled with the home purchase.

🏡 Home Types

Villas condos and single-family homes ranging from approximately $350K to $1.15M. A great option for buyers who want premium amenities without a mandatory golf membership.

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Golf Without Living in a Golf Community

Some of Venice's best choices let you separate your home decision from your golf decision. These communities and courses offer residential neighborhoods with nearby public or semi-private golf — no private club commitment required.

🌊 Waterford & Capri Isles

Both offer residential neighborhoods built around golf courses that remain **publicly bookable**. They are part of the **Golf in Venice** family, along with Calusa Lakes in Nokomis. Capri Isles published summer 2026 rates of $59 AM / $49 PM (June–September), with additional summer-card discounts available.

🌳 Jacaranda West

An established Venice golf neighborhood centered around an 18-hole course and country club. Membership options include **Full, Gold, and seasonal choices**. Summer membership runs May 1–Oct. 31 and includes access to Jacaranda West, Capri Isles, Waterford, and Calusa Lakes, plus summer reciprocal privileges.

⛳ Lake Venice & Venice East

Lake Venice Golf Club: 27 holes on Venice Island. Open to the public, walk or ride, no tee times — first-come, first-served. Annual memberships also available.
Venice East Golf Club: Public golf with optional equity or associate memberships. Summer 2026 public rates as low as $17 walking / $25 riding for 18 holes before 1 PM.

🏌️ Plantation Golf & Country Club

Plantation G&CC welcomes **non-resident members** — no homeownership in the community required. Buyers living anywhere in the area can join and enjoy full golf access, making it a flexible option for those who want a private club experience without being tied to a specific neighborhood.

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GOLF IN VENICE NETWORK

One Network, Multiple Courses

The **Golf in Venice** group markets **63 holes** across Waterford, Capri Isles, and Calusa Lakes. Published membership schedules include Platinum, Gold, and 9-hole options, all with summer reciprocal privileges and shared-course access.

Platinum (2025)

$6,500 family / $4,900 individual + $1,000 application

Gold (2025)

$5,300 family / $3,800 individual + $500 application

9-Hole Option (2025)

$3,400 family / $2,400 individual + $500 application

Latest indexed schedule was 2025. Confirm the current 2026 schedule directly with Golf in Venice.

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MAY THROUGH OCTOBER

The Reciprocity Season

When seasonal demand eases in the summer, one membership can open doors to many more courses. Many private and semi-private clubs arrange **reciprocal play** with other clubs during the quieter months — members gain access to participating courses at preferred reciprocal rates.

Pelican Pointe

Advertises **dozens of summer reciprocal courses** to play through October. One of the most robust reciprocal networks in the area.

Jacaranda West

Summer membership (May 1–Oct. 31) includes access to Jacaranda West, Capri Isles, Waterford, and Calusa Lakes, plus summer reciprocal privileges.

Golf in Venice

Published Platinum, Gold, and 9-hole memberships all include summer reciprocal privileges across the network's 63 holes.

Venetian Golf Club

Golf membership materials advertise local summer reciprocal privileges plus access to the **Heritage Network** of courses.

⚠ **Buyer Tip:** If summer reciprocity matters to you, ask for the current reciprocal list before joining. Participating clubs, rates, and access rules can change from year to year.

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YOUR NEXT STEP

Find the Golf Lifestyle That Fits You

The right answer is a combination of home, club access, and total ownership cost. Before writing an offer, verify these five critical factors with your Realtor and the applicable club or association.

1 **Is golf mandatory, optional, bundled, or completely separate?**

Understand exactly how golf access ties to homeownership in each community.

2 **What are the current initiation fees, dues, cart fees, and food minimums?**

Get the most recent published numbers — these change frequently.

3 **Are HOA, CDD, capital contributions, or club assessments separate?**

These can add thousands annually beyond membership dues.

4 **Does the exact property carry a transferable membership?**

Confirm what is attached to the specific home you're considering.

5 **What summer reciprocal privileges are available this year?**

Request the current reciprocal list — it changes annually.

Let's Find Your Place to Play

I help buyers compare available homes, current community fees, and membership structures so you can see the real cost and lifestyle differences side by side.

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Information compiled September 2026 from club, community, and current real-estate sources. Fees, membership availability, policies, and prices change. Always verify current terms directly with the applicable club/association and review governing documents before purchase. Equal Housing Opportunity.

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