



BEST OVERALL COUNTRY CLUB

Vaquero Country Club

We thought it couldn't get any better at Vaquero. That is, until we saw the clubhouse.

For the last three years, Vaquero has been the top country club in our annual rankings. And for good reason. When you arrive at the gates at Vaquero, you are greeted by a security guard, who asks for your name and reason for your visit. From that point on, you might as well be at Cheers, because every employee will know your name and greet you like they have known you for years.

That is the commitment to service that Vaquero has, and you see it in every aspect of the club. From the dining room to the golf course, superior service is the theme.

But there are more reasons than being pampered for forking over \$175,000 in initiation fees and purchasing a home lot (which start over \$200,000) to love Vaquero. And it is easy to start with the golf course.

The Tom Fazio design has continued to mature, and as the trees grow in and the grass gets thicker, the course just gets better. The zoysia grass crunches under your feet in the summer, and the coastal Bermuda grass frames the course beautifully.

The other amenities are just as good as the golf course. The practice facility is second to none, with a great short game area, a giant putting green kept in course conditions,

and your choice of Callaway HX or Titleist ProVI golf balls (more on that later).

There is a fishing camp next to the 15th hole that gets families out in droves. Legendary fisherman Buddy Brown runs the camp, and they are still looking to catch the first 10-pound bass.

And then there is the clubhouse. It exudes class. The dining room is nice, but the food is better. The fitness room could be bigger, but it is filled with the latest equipment and run by some of the better fitness experts in the area. The locker rooms only have half lockers, but you can overlook that shortcoming after seeing the rest of the amenities - a steam room, sauna, and the wet area (hot tub and cold plunge complete with a wall of plasma televisions).

Since opening a few years back, Vaquero has become pricey. But if money is no object, then this is the place, as Vaquero only has the best. It has the best service, the best food and the best amenities. Everything is about delighting the members. In fact, when the club decided to change golf balls from Titleist to Callaway, members complained, but not for long. Now they have both.

Vaquero proves that if money is no object, you can have the best of everything.