

# GOLF MAGAZINE LIVING

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LIVE YOUR DREAM LIFE

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## THE 50 BEST PLACES TO LIVE

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YOU OFF?

**10 SMART WAYS  
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THE LAST HOUSE  
ON PEBBLE BEACH





# THE BEST PLACES TO

The Jack Nicklaus course at Pronghorn in Oregon, our pick as the best new community in the West.



COVER STORY

LIVE YOUR DREAM

BY JOE PASSOV

THE  
50  
BEST GOLF  
COMMUNITIES  
IN AMERICA

## Spring Island

SPRING ISLAND, S.C.

OPENED in 1991, the Hunt Club at this relaxed Southern retreat lets residents mount a steed and pursue quail the old-fashioned way.

**GOLF:** Spring Island's Old Tabby Links is by Arnold Palmer.

**AMENITIES:** Fishing, tennis, hunt club, boating.

**LOTS:** \$235,000-\$1.65 million

**HOMES:** \$575,000-\$3.995 million

**CONTACT:** 843-987-2200, [springisland.com](http://springisland.com)

## The Cliffs at Keowee

SUNSET, S.C.

THIS lakeside community in the semi-mountainous northwestern corner of South Carolina is divided into three communities: the Vineyards, the Falls, and the Springs.

**GOLF:** There's already a Tom Fazio course, with two more tracks on the way by Fazio and Jack Nicklaus.

**AMENITIES:** Full service marina, wellness center, equestrian center, dining.

**LOTS:** \$200,000-\$2 million+

**HOMES:** \$850,000-\$2 million+

**CONTACT:** 866-213-2074, [cliffscommunities.com](http://cliffscommunities.com)

## The Pinehills

PLYMOUTH, MASS.

THIS new development is less than an hour from Boston on the way to Cape Cod and includes a Pinehurst-style village green, where residents can enjoy amenities more in keeping with a small town than a golf community.

**GOLF:** There are two superior public-access layouts, one from Rees Jones and another designed by Jack Nicklaus.

**AMENITIES:** Swimming, tennis, seven miles of trails, educational seminars, full-service post office, dentist, florist, banking.

**HOMES:** \$395,000-\$1 million+

**CONTACT:** 888-209-8880, [pinehills.com](http://pinehills.com)

## The Virginian

BRISTOL, VA.

LOCATED in the rolling foothills of the Appalachian Mountains 95 miles north of Asheville, N.C., and just a 30-minute drive from Tri-City Regional Airport.

**GOLF:** The golf is a woodsy, old school walk in the park from Tom Fazio.

**AMENITIES:** Swim and racquet club with a Junior Olympic pool.

**LOTS:** \$75,000-\$225,000

**HOMES:** \$305,000-\$3.7 million

**CONTACT:** 800-452-8065, [thevirginian.com](http://thevirginian.com)

## Tiburón

NAPLES, FLA.

THE LONGTIME home of Greg Norman's annual "Silly Season" event, the Franklin Templeton Shootout, Tiburón offers property owners access to the on-site Ritz-Carlton hotel.

**GOLF:** Residents have two highly regarded courses designed by Norman, the Black and the Gold tracks.

**AMENITIES:** Health club, fine dining, resident concierge services, free beach transportation.

**LOTS:** \$870,000-\$1.2 million

**HOMES:** \$678,000-\$6 million

**CONTACT:** 800-889-7922, [TiburonWCI.com](http://TiburonWCI.com)



### WHY WE LIVE AT THE CLIFFS HAP AND NANCY McCLURE

IN 1993 Hap and Nancy McClure retired from their respective careers as a sales manager and art teacher and moved from Illinois to Cape Cod. "We loved it up there but the winters are just so incredibly cold," says Hap. "The freezing temperatures made us wonder if there was a better option." The couple was visiting Florida to look at homes when one night in their hotel room Hap picked up a copy of *USA Today*. "An ad for The Cliffs fell to the floor. We took a chance and called right then and there," he says. "I can't tell you how shocked we were when a real person answered the phone." —Lisa Freedman



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