

Jimmy Lynn, the club's general manager from 2010-13, is now its operating partner.

"Tom Fazio did an incredible job, plus he had a good piece of property to work with," Lynn said. "It's a long, hard course if you want it to be, but it can also be short and friendly. There's something for everyone. On the greens, there's not too much movement, but just enough. It's fair, but challenging."

*Jim Jasenak of
Fort Myers practices
on the range at
The Club at Gateway
on Thursday, May 31,
2018.*

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The News-Press)



Lynn and Garrett recently formed Life Style Management Group of Florida, a company for managing golf clubs. Lynn is president of the entity, which aims to manage other golf clubs beyond this one.

A complete golf course renovation at The Club is expected in 2021. That will include new cart paths, a new irrigation system and renovation of greens, bunkers, tees, fairways and roughs.

First off, though: pickleball and bocce courts are being built this year.

In 2019, plans include doubling the size of the banquet room, adding a second-story wellness center and building a display kitchen to enhance the 4-year-old Grille & Pub, which added more than 4,500 square feet of casual indoor/outdoor dining.



*The chipping green
overlooks the new
addition to the
clubhouse at
The Club at Gateway.*

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These plans follow industry trends, which call for more of this type of dining, as well as additional wellness programs. The upgrades are designed to create a more social, family environment.

"It's not dad's club anymore," Lynn said. "It's also about mom, the kids, everyone."

Those amenities will enhance what's already there: including a "golf improvement practice facility," which is a fancy way of saying a driving range and practice holes with a two-sided design.