

BESIDE THE FAIRWAY

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A Closer look at Jeffrey and Vivienne Blumengold's golf course home in Thistle Golf Club & Estates

As many of you golfers know, there is more to golf than just the game...it's a way of life. The sport of golf is also a society of friends and neighbors who share common interests. This month we feature a beautiful home that is 'Beside the Fairway' at Thistle Golf Club, located in Thistle Golf Club & Estates, Calabash, NC, South Brunswick County.

For the past 30 years, Jeffrey Blumengold has enjoyed golfing in the South Brunswick and North Myrtle Beach areas. While living in the north, Jeff and his wife, Vivienne, had owned a condo for 14 years in North Myrtle Beach. Every chance Jeff had, he came down south to golf. As they began planning their retirement, they looked in earnest for that special place, where Jeff could golf every day and to build Vivienne her dream home.

They fell in love with Calabash, that sleepy little town that seems to attract folks looking for the ideal, laid back southern water lifestyle. Jeff and Vivienne especially liked Thistle Golf Club & Estates with its picturesque, nature-oriented beautiful landscaping, with a planned Clubhouse Pool & Amenity Center that is being constructed in 2014. Once they decided on the area, they met their ideal builder, Luke & Sandy Perisch, of Blue Sky Building Company. Together Jeffrey and Vivienne, along with Luke and his wife Sandy, designed their dream home, named 'Stonehaven'. It had to be large enough for adult children and grandkids, and it had to be on a terrific, high-quality golf course. They broke ground in early 2011, and completed the home in October, 2011, just in time for the Brunswick County Parade of Homes, where 2,000 people swept through their magnificent home. The home and builder were awarded the prestigious Diamond Award for its category.

They chose to live on the Cameron course, one of three in Thistle, and the seventh hole, in particular, because of the perfect, unobstructed view. With their outside grilling area,



they can relax and watch the golfers come through. Their house is situated far enough from the golfers not to get hit by errant balls, but close enough to hear the swearing of others, as they try to master the beautiful and challenging Thistle Golf course. Their upstairs balcony has a majestic scenic view of seven of the 27 golf holes at Thistle. Along with their outdoor kitchen, their full custom kitchen is one of Jeff and Vivienne's favorite places to hang out in his home. Jeffrey lives on the seventh hole, but his favorite hole of the 27 is actually on the Mackay course, #9, which is a long dog-leg left par 5.

Jeff and Vivienne are pleased with the vendors they chose to complete their beautiful home. Vendors such as: Andrew Child of Ocean Isle Wood Working (custom fabricated every cabinet throughout the home), Debbie Soucek of Carolina Creations (customized granite), Tom Parks of CoastRoad Patio (Fireplaces and Outdoor Kitchen Appliances), and friend Nina Brown from Stone Garden, who provided all of the stone for the hardscaping. Nina, coincidentally, also provided the stone for the Thistle Clubhouse.

The builder, Luke Perisch of Blue Sky Building Company, reflected on his work with at Thistle and with the Blumengold's: "Stonehaven (what we named the home for the Parade of Homes) holds a special place in our hearts as a true Scottish estate home. Thistle Golf Estates grew from the historical roots of the Links of Leith in Edinburgh, Scotland. In the early 1800's, the original Thistle Golf Club established many of the rules that influence the modern day game. Almost 100 years later, the design and construction of Stonehaven reflects that same historical mantra of excellence, pride and tradition. Many builders have the chance to build nice homes; few get the opportunity to create an heirloom residence like Stonehaven. Blue Sky Building Company is blessed to build fantastic homes for the best clients in the world. Stonehaven will stand as a historical example of this privilege.

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