

# HISTORICAL STRUCTURE FORM FLORIDA MASTER SITE FILE Version 5.0 3/19

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Shaded Fields represent the minimum acceptable level of documentation.  
Consult the *Guide to Historical Structure Forms* for detailed instructions.

Site Name(s) (address if none): Seminole Golf Club Multiple Listing (DHR only) \_\_\_\_\_  
Survey Project Name \_\_\_\_\_ Survey # (DHR only) \_\_\_\_\_  
National Register Category (please check one)  building  structure  district  site  object  
Ownership:  private-profit  private-nonprofit  private-individual  private-nonspecific  city  county  state  federal  Native American  foreign  unknown

## LOCATION & MAPPING

Street Number 901 Direction \_\_\_\_\_ Street Name Seminole Street Type Boulevard Suffix Direction \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cross Streets (nearest / between) east of US1/ A1A and west of the Atlantic Ocean  
USGS 7.5 Map Name RIVIERA BEACH USGS Date 2023 Plat or Other Map \_\_\_\_\_  
City / Town (within 3 miles) Juno Beach In City Limits?  yes  no  unknown County Palm Beach  
Township 41S Range 43E Section 33 1/4 section:  NW  SW  SE  NE Irregular-name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tax Parcel # 28-43-41-33-00-001-0000 Landgrant \_\_\_\_\_  
Subdivision Name \_\_\_\_\_ Block 661 Lot 0000  
UTM Coordinates: Zone  16  17 Easting 594645 Northing 2971302  
Other Coordinates: X: -80.047261 Y: 26.860164 Coordinate System & Datum \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Public Tract (e.g., park) \_\_\_\_\_

## HISTORY

Construction Year: 1929  approximately  year listed or earlier  year listed or later  
Original Use Clubhouse From (year): 1929 To (year): 2023  
Current Use \_\_\_\_\_ From (year): \_\_\_\_\_ To (year): \_\_\_\_\_  
Other Use \_\_\_\_\_ From (year): \_\_\_\_\_ To (year): \_\_\_\_\_  
Moves:  yes  no  unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Original address \_\_\_\_\_  
Alterations:  yes  no  unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Nature refer to attached list  
Additions:  yes  no  unknown Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Nature refer to attached list  
Architect (last name first): Wyeth, Marion Sims Builder (last name first): \_\_\_\_\_  
Ownership History (especially original owner, dates, profession, etc.)  
Original owner - Seminole Golf Club

Is the Resource Affected by a Local Preservation Ordinance?  yes  no  unknown Describe not in historic district

## DESCRIPTION

Style Mixed, none dominant Exterior Plan Irregular Number of Stories 3  
Exterior Fabric(s) 1. Stucco 2. Stone 3. Wood/Plywood  
Roof Type(s) 1. Hip 2. Gable 3. Flat  
Roof Material(s) 1. Barrel tile 2. Built-up 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Roof secondary struc. (dormers etc.) 1. Not applicable 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Windows (types, materials, etc.)  
refer to attached list  
Distinguishing Architectural Features (exterior or interior ornaments)  
refer to attached list

Ancillary Features / Outbuildings (record outbuildings, major landscape features; use continuation sheet if needed.)  
Historic Golf Course designed by Donald Ross and original Caretaker Residence (1929)

DHR USE ONLY		OFFICIAL EVALUATION	DHR USE ONLY	
NR List Date	SHPO - Appears to meet criteria for NR listing: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no <input type="checkbox"/> insufficient info		Date <u>8/17/23</u>	Init <u>[Signature]</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Owner Objection	KEEPER - Determined eligible: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no		Date _____	
	NR Criteria for Evaluation: <input type="checkbox"/> a <input type="checkbox"/> b <input type="checkbox"/> c <input type="checkbox"/> d (see <i>National Register Bulletin</i> 15, p. 2)			

**DESCRIPTION (continued)**

Chimney: No. 2 Chimney Material(s): 1. Stucco 2. Tile  
Structural System(s): 1. Concrete block 2. Wood frame 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Foundation Type(s): 1. Slab 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Foundation Material(s): 1. Poured Concrete Footing 2. Poured Concrete Footing

Main Entrance (stylistic details)  
Wrought iron entry gate with arched wood door. Quoin surround at arched area. Sundial above entry.

Porch Descriptions (types, locations, roof types, etc.)  
West open loggia with arched openings and stucco decorative trim. Exposed ceiling with pecky cypress.

Condition (overall resource condition):  excellent  good  fair  deteriorated  ruinous  
Narrative Description of Resource  
refer to attached

Archaeological Remains None  Check if Archaeological Form Completed

**RESEARCH METHODS (select all that apply)**

- FMSF record search (sites/surveys)
- FL State Archives/photo collection
- property appraiser / tax records
- cultural resource survey (CRAS)
- other methods (describe) \_\_\_\_\_
- library research
- city directory
- newspaper files
- historic photos
- building permits
- occupant/owner interview
- neighbor interview
- interior inspection
- Sanborn maps
- plat maps
- Public Lands Survey (DEP)
- HABS/HAER record search

Bibliographic References (give FMSF manuscript # if relevant, use continuation sheet if needed)

**OPINION OF RESOURCE SIGNIFICANCE**

Appears to meet the criteria for National Register listing individually?  yes  no  insufficient information  
Appears to meet the criteria for National Register listing as part of a district?  yes  no  insufficient information

Explanation of Evaluation (required, whether significant or not, use separate sheet if needed)  
refer to attached

Area(s) of Historical Significance (see National Register Bulletin 15, p. 8 for categories: e.g. 'architecture', 'ethnic heritage', 'community planning & development', etc.)  
1. Architecture 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Entertainment/recreation 4. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**DOCUMENTATION**

Accessible Documentation Not Filed with the Site File - including field notes, analysis notes, photos, plans and other important documents  
1) Document type \_\_\_\_\_ Maintaining organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Document description \_\_\_\_\_ File or accession #'s \_\_\_\_\_  
2) Document type \_\_\_\_\_ Maintaining organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Document description \_\_\_\_\_ File or accession #'s \_\_\_\_\_

**RECORDER INFORMATION**

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**Required Attachments**

- 1 USGS 7.5' MAP WITH STRUCTURE LOCATION CLEARLY INDICATED**
- 2 LARGE SCALE STREET, PLAT OR PARCEL MAP** (available from most property appraiser web sites)
- 3 PHOTO OF MAIN FACADE, DIGITAL IMAGE FILE**  
When submitting an image, it must be included in digital AND hard copy format (plain paper grayscale acceptable). Digital image must be at least 1600 x 1200 pixels, 24-bit color, jpeg or tiff.





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Bowwood Rd

Villas of Juno Dr S  
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Juno Isles Blvd

Ocean Dr  
Ocean Dr

Ridge Rd

Plantation Ln

Channel Dr

Indian Rd

Seminole Blvd

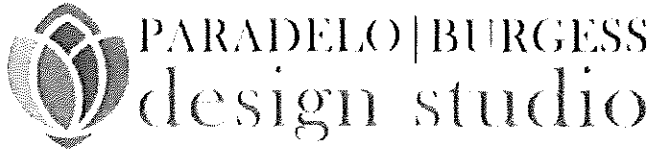
Banyan Rd

Seminole Beach Rd

Oyster Bay

550 Dr





August 2, 2023

Re: **Seminole Golf Club – Additional Information**

The following dates and scope of work was determined based on architectural drawings and information provided by the club. The club was originally constructed starting in 1929.

**Alterations**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Scope</b>
1930	Alterations to the Ladies Locker Room.
1939	Door modifications, modifications to Women’s Locker Room, new stairs and paving outside Women’s Locker Room and modifications at Storage in basement.
1940	Modification at basement office including new fixed glass window / desk to entry lobby; modification includes new millwork, steps and railing.
1941	New signpost, sash screens and venetian blinds.
1946	Modifications to Women’s Locker Room and new Walk-in Refrigerator.
1947	Modifications at existing Kitchen.
1950s	Existing Terrace was covered with steps located to the east of the Luncheon Loggia.
1951	Modifications to Women’s Locker Room and spiral stair removed at Men’s Locker Room. Enclosure of Locker Room area to the west of Men’s Locker Room.
1954	Modifications to Lunch Loggia and Bar.
1959	Modifications to East Lunch Terrace.
1960	Modifications to office and Men’s Wash Room.
1962	Modifications to Swimming Pool and Deck.
1965	Added handrail at main entrance.
1972	Office addition at basement.
1984	Alteration to service baths.
1980s	Added air conditioning.
2000	Renovation of Pro Shop.
2017	Roof was replaced.
2020	Filled in pool due to lost saltwater draw, restored Luncheon Loggia floor to original terrazzo, restored Ladies Lounge walls to original.

## Additions

Date	Scope
1930	Addition of the Ladies Lounge with uncovered East Terrace.
1936	Addition of New Loggia to the west of the Card Loggia.
1940s	Added Staff Dining Room.
1947	New Staff Dining Room.
1951	Pantry Addition/ Office (southeast of Lunch Loggia).
1961	Loggia addition (northeast area of upper terrace).
1970-80s	Locker Room extension.
1990s	Add shoe room (east of men's bathroom), mechanical modifications, and added maintenance office in basement.
2014	Addition of New Caddie area, Golf Storage and Turn (Snack Bar).

## Style:

As with many of the historical structures by Marian Sims Wyeth, there is a mix of architectural styles. There are elements of **Georgian Revival** (or **British Colonial**) with quoins at the corners, a cornice at the roof line, intermediate banding, a hip roof and a raised foundation. **Spanish Revival** (or **Mediterranean Revival**) elements include a stucco wall finish, terra cotta tile roof, arched windows above doors, open balconies with an iron railing, an emphasis on the chimney and a color contrast between the roof and wall color.

## Windows:

- Casement, wood, single, 9 pane, shutters
- Casement, wood, single, 4 pane
- Casement, wood, pair, 10 pane
- Casement, wood, pair, 8 pane
- Casement, wood, pair, 6 pane
- Casement, wood, pair, 3 pane, shutters
- Fixed, wood, arched, 14 pane radial

## Distinguishing Architectural Features

- Quoins at corners
- Quoins at windows
- Cornice at roof line
- Intermediate banding
- Hip roof
- Raised foundation
- Stucco wall finish
- Terracotta roof tile
- Arched windows above doors
- Open balconies with iron railings
- Emphasis on chimney
- Color contrast between roof and wall color
- Terraces
- Exposed pecky cypress rafters
- Pecky cypress exterior rafter tails
- Arched loggias
- Stone at exterior
- Original lighting (iron or similar)
- Several painted sundials (one original remains)
- Arched iron entry gate
- Wood lattice decorative trim at clerestory windows
- Iron railings
- Original furniture from era
- Original terrazzo flooring
- Original fireplaces / mantels
- Original lockers (designed by architect)

## Narrative Description of Resource

Construction for this clubhouse started in 1929 which was designed by Marion Simms Wyeth. The architect was known for his confident architectural style which typically blended the French Revival, Mediterranean Revival and Georgian Revival styles. Another distinct structure he designed for Palm Beach includes Mar-a-Lago. Wyeth designed over 700 structures around Palm Beach during his 54 years of practice.

This submittal includes scans of the original drawings that range from 1929 through 1984. As evident in the historic photographs, this was one of the first structures built in the area. At the same time, the golf course, designed by Donald Ross, was constructed. The owners, through this research, were excited to find original trace paper sketches and contracts for the golf course.

The original drawings show a timeline of renovations. Originally the property was two story (with a basement) and included a terrace with pool and tennis courts. Over the years, there were additions that matched the architectural style of the original clubhouse; these additions were developed by the original architectural firm. Additions include additional terraces and loggias. Several of the covered loggias and terraces were later enclosed. The basement was eventually designed with offices.

What is striking about visiting the location today is how much of the building matches the original design such as the original flooring in the Luncheon Loggia, the original pecky cypress ceilings throughout, the original lattice at the clerestory windows and many other features. The entry is also very similar to the original wrought iron gate and sundial above. It has always been important to the owner, in new renovations and additions, to maintain the look of the club as close to the original as possible.

With this added attention to the history of the building, some noticeable features have been identified as having been lost, such as the Indian head shutters above the front entry. With this understanding of the history, the client may decide to reproduce these as historic drawings are available to assist in this effort. Further, the club is taking action to archive all historic documents available.

Overall, this is a beautiful example of 1920s architecture which has been appreciated throughout the long history of the Seminole Golf Club.

## Opinion of Resource Significance – Explanation of Evaluation

**Criterion A** – The property of structure is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

*It is evident through the aerial photographs that this is one of the earliest structures in this area. The building and golf course has not only had an impact on the local community but also the golf course community as it is considered, by Golf Digest, as one of the top 15 golf courses in the country and number one in Florida.*

**Criterion B** – The property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

*The building was designed by Marion Sims Wyeth who was a predominant architect in the Palm Beach area designing over 700 structures including Mar-a-Lago. He was the first Palm Beach architect to be inducted into the American Institute of Architects. The designer of the golf course was Donald Ross, who was a prolific and influential designer having completed over 400 courses throughout his career.*

**Criterion C** – The property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a time, period or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or presents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

*This building is a fine example of clubhouse architecture in the late 1920s. This is an example of a mix of Georgian Revival and Spanish Revival which includes features such as quoins at the corners, cornice at the roof, terracotta roof, arched windows, open balconies with iron railing and an arched loggia. The building, which additions and renovations have occurred over this years, is a remarkable example that still has much of the original design intent intact.*

**Criterion D** – The property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

*This building is an important reflection of the architecture from the 1920s.*