

# CITY of BOYNTON BEACH



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Mr. Bob von Hagge  
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Subject: Boynton Beach Municipal Golf Course

Dear Mr. von Hagge:

As you know, the City opened the new Boynton Beach Municipal Golf Course on June 6, 1984, almost three months ago, and it now appears appropriate to take this opportunity to extend to you our thanks and compliments for the course that your firm designed and created. The City of Boynton Beach commends you on the truly remarkable and exemplary service you performed for it in converting 150 acres of shell rock, dense undergrowth, melaleuca and palmetto grove, and sparsely scattered pine groves, into one of the finest 27-hole municipal golf courses in the State of Florida, if not the entire country.

The challenge of designing a municipal golf course suited for many different types of players and levels of golfing ability takes a very rare talent. When you throw in the challenge of reclaiming apparently unsuitable land, projecting eventual costs, saving what precious few pine trees that existed, making use of all resources and staying within a strict monetary and time frame, the outcome is truly staggering —both a challenging 18 hole Championship Course and a nine hole championship caliber Executive Course.

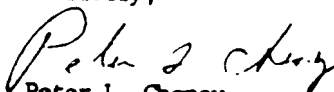
Further praise should be given in the acknowledgement that in order to cut costs, your design concept of eight lakes from which fill was used to not only reclaim the land, but make it unique to southern Florida with its northern rolling type of terrain, and yet make the water an aesthetically appealing feature and not a fear inducing hazard for golfers, again recommends your ability as design architects.

Since breaking ground in October of 1982 until opening day, June 6, 1984, your guidance, diligence, and expertise in steering the City toward its goal of providing a unique and aesthetically appealing municipal golf facility more than justified our selection of you from among many qualified and respected professionals as golf course architects.

The overwhelming acceptance and praise that the golf course has received from the citizens of our City and Palm Beach County indicates a "can't miss" success story for a project that was somewhat controversial in the beginning. All taxpayers fear being saddled with a large bond commitment for many year to come if the revenues do not make the facility self-supporting, but initial operation information is showing that the course will be self supporting and a credit to the City.

The City is proud of the golf course and I am sure that you are also. Thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,

  
Peter L. Cheney  
City Manager