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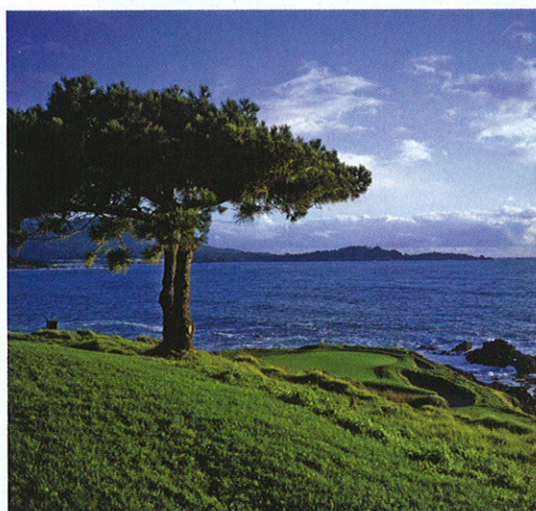
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The stately Southern mansion clubhouse at the Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, N.C., home of the PGA TOUR's Wachovia Championship. Below: Pebble Beach Golf Links' famed seventh hole.

WHERE **GREAT DESIGN** IS PAR FOR THE COURSE ●

FIRST IMPRESSIONS ARE OFTEN LASTING. ARCHITECTURE IS WHY SOME OF AMERICA'S FINEST GOLF CLUBS STAND OUT FROM THE CROWD—WHETHER IT'S FOR A SPECTACULAR COURSE, HOLE OR CLUBHOUSE—AND REMAIN IN A GOLFER'S MEMORY FOREVER...



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TEE TIME... OR TEA TIME?

FROM COLOR PALETTES TO FURNITURE AND FLOOR PLANS, STYLE TRENDS ARE STRIKINGLY SIMILAR BETWEEN RESIDENTIAL INTERIOR DESIGN AND CLUBHOUSES AT THE NATION'S TOP CLUBS.

Interior designer Angela Grande has played a role in this design movement.

Her projects have encompassed both residences as well as country clubs, crafting the look of such notable properties as the New York Athletic Club, Cape Fear Country Club in North Carolina and the Sebonack Golf Cottages in Southampton, N.Y., the latter a collaboration with the architectural firm Hart Howerton.

The "design line" between the clubhouse and home is being blurred. In both, the combination of comfort and luxury is key. For the

"Clubhouses have long been designed to feel like an extension of the home. Now the trend is to integrate the golf world into residential interiors."

*—Angela Grande,
interior designer*

home, high-quality fabrics, furnishings, appliances and technology are placed in the context of a guest-friendly layout that is all about relaxation. In many a great room—a space of many

uses—oversized leather club and wing chairs are strategically situated next to large fireplaces, a popular furniture plan for many clubs. Likewise, the opulent design that has marked the clubhouse aesthetic of the past is merged with a comfortable approach for a sense of informal elegance.

As in residential interior design, the overall style of the clubhouse is strongly influenced by its environment. On the East Coast, dark woods such as mahogany abound; timber as a decorative element and vaulted ceilings with trusses are found in the Midwest and Mountain areas; in the West, a ranch motif and neutral colors prevail.

Country clubs want their members to feel at home; some even go as far as to house members' personal wine collections in the club's cellars to be enjoyed at their discretion. Small business centers for added convenience, multimedia rooms outfitted with the latest plasma TVs and color schemes of rich palettes that mirror the prevalent style of that region also define today's clubhouses, as they successfully recreate all the comforts of home.



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