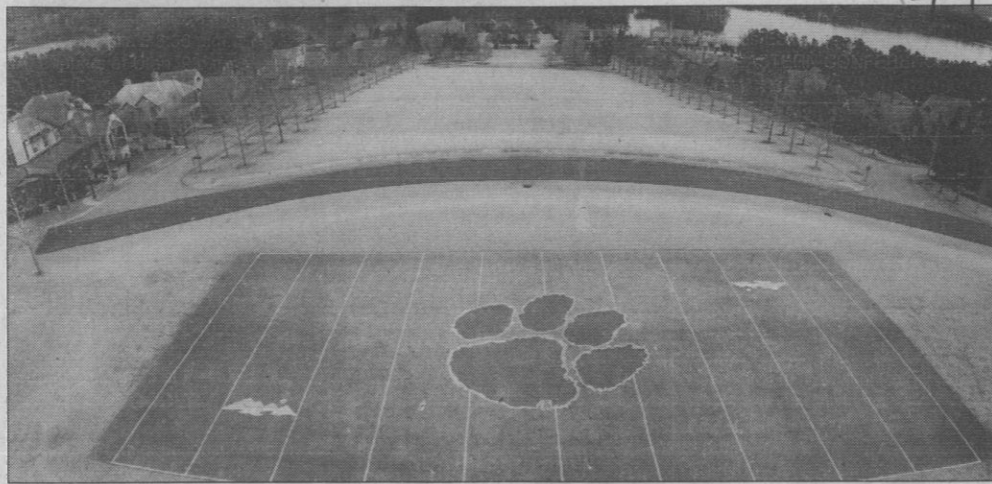


The Reserve pays homage to Tigers, lays out

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The Reserve at Lake Keowee's great lawn has a Death Valley look and feel this week.

SUNSET — Dabo Swinney's golf club is going "all in" for Clemson football.

The Reserve at Lake Keowee's great lawn looks more like a football field than a golf course after staff at the mountain lake community created a grid-iron homage to the Tigers' football team.

The Reserve's grounds crew laid out a half-sized football field featuring a Tiger paw painted with guidance from the same stencil used at Clemson's Memorial Stadium.

Rutledge Livingston serves as director of sales at The Reserve and was also a member of Tiger teams in the mid-1970s.

"We have such a strong relationship with the university, and we wanted to find a unique way to show our support while the football team is on a truly historic run," he said. "We think this is a pretty cool way of doing that. We even have a hill to run down."

The Reserve is Swinney's home club — a perk that comes with the Clemson job — and the site of his annual media day golf outing. The Jack Nicklaus signature course will also play co-host to the Clemson Invitational on Lake Keowee next spring.

The invitational will be the first time in the university's history that the men's and women's golf programs will co-host a tournament. Scheduled

for March 31 through April 3, the event will feature simultaneous tournaments, with the men playing at The Cliffs at Keowee Falls and the women playing at The Reserve at Lake Keowee.

"The men's teams will find that the Cliff's Falls is one of the top venues in the country, and the women will have the same feeling about The Reserve," Clemson head men's golf coach Larry Penley said.

"I know our players are very excited about having a home tournament, and it will really add something special to our spring schedule."

Penley said the goal is to make it the best regular-season tournament in the country, one that will be a memorable for all the players participating.

The Reserve is located just 16 miles from Clemson, and an increasing number of Tiger alumni

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are making the community the site of their full-time and vacation homes.

Created in 2000 by Greenwood Communities, the residential community spans 3,900 acres in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, with 30 miles of shoreline on Lake Keowee, and has approximately 700 members from 30 states across the country.

Members at The Reserve, who are planning an on-property tailgate for the Tigers' College Football Playoff semifinal matchup with Oklahoma on Dec. 31, won't let the painted field go to waste either.

"We'll definitely be hosting a post-Christmas game of two-hand touch," Livingston said. "There's a lot of excitement here about the Tigers, and we're seeing people look for a residence that will put them close to the action on game day and also provide a luxury lake lifestyle any time of year."