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Feng Shui for Golfers By TY Tan

Feng shui and Chinese Astrology, ancient wisdom handed down by our ancestors, are skills that have been in use throughout the Orient for many centuries. The term feng shui combines the Chinese words of "wind" and "water" which are the key factors in assessing the quality and movement of chi, or energy, in a landscape.

"The wind will disperse the chi and the water will contain it."

From the above quotation, chi rides on wind and is dispersed by it, however, water will capture the chi and retain it. The important point to note here is "if water is used with the correct feng shui principles to retain the fortunate chi," then people living in the space are able to tap it.

The goal of feng shui is always the same regardless which methods you follow, as the simple changes in the movement of furnishings or colour selections that help improve the chi in our surroundings to encourage success.

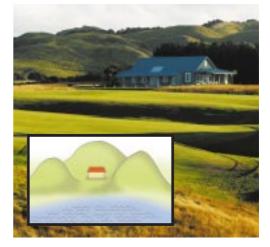
When a home has good feng shui its occupants are more likely to have a balanced life and fulfillment in their work, plus good fortune and harmony with the people around them.

In this article I will touch on several important feng shui factors with regard to building a home or a new golf course clubhouse.

Good feng shui begins with the setting for the house or clubhouse.

- The site should be slightly elevated.
- The landscape on the left side (looking out) of the house should have a higher undulating hill than the right side. This represents the "green dragon" which should be higher than the "white tiger."
- There should be hills much higher than the green dragon behind the house. This is the "black turtle" providing protection and support for the home.
- There should be an opened undulating plot of land in front of the house. It would be best if there is a meandering slow moving river with healthy vegetation on this open plot of land.

 At the other end of the empty space low hills symbolizing the "crimson phoenix" should be present.



The described formation is like a comfortable armchair, with a mountain or large hill behind the house and two smaller hills on either side. Fronting the house is an open field that slopes gently down to a body of water that offers a pleasant view. This increases luck and prosperity. In fact if your home has elevation, a pleasant view and enjoys fresh air it already has a large amount of positive energy.

Such sites in the city's of today are nearly impossible to find. You can, however, look at the formation of buildings, gardens, roads, canals, drains and other man-made structures. Buildings around you are considered virtual "mountains" and roads are equivalent to virtual "rivers."

Golf Course owners, however, have the best option and opportunity to design the clubhouse and residential plots to have such a configuration when building their facility. Having a perfect setting is almost impossible for homes outside the golf course but they can have factors that enable them to tap on other feng shui principles.

Next month I will talk about external water and mountains as they relate to "wealth luck."

Feng Shui Tip The Colour Red

During period 8 (years 2004 to 2024) having red at a certain place may enhance your "wealth star" but when placed in a wrong location you may be activating the "sickness" or "misfortune star." Be cautious when using red unless you know exactly what

you are doing. Chinese people like to hang red lanterns and red banners to

celebrate special occasions such as weddings or Chinese New Year. For some house owners this may bring them good fortune, yet for others, it could be misfortune.

