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Betty and Bernie Shukster walk the golf course at the Ballantrae Golf and Country Club, what the Ontario Home Builders Association called the most outstanding adult lifestyle project in the province. The Shuksters moved from Willowdale to the development in Whitchurch-Stouffville.

## 'Care-free' lifestyle at country club

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have 900 detached bungalows.

This prestigious award is one of 26 categories in the Awards of Distinction program which honours innovation and excellence among Ontario Home Builders' renovators and marketers.

As well, Ballantrae Golf and Country Club, a gated community, received recognition from the International Audubon Society for respecting the environment when developing and building the project.

The development has picked up other awards, including Outstanding Planning Award from the Ontario Provincial Planning Institute, while it was the Urban Development Institute of Ontario's choice as the Best Lifestyle Community in Ontario.

"We are delighted to add the Ontario Home Builders' award," said project manager Hugh

Macklin.

The master plan development philosophy for Ballantrae Golf and Country Club was to create an all-inclusive community that offers residents "care-free condominium living," Mr. Macklin pointed out.

A recreation center will be completed on the site in the spring of 2004.

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Everyone takes such good care of their homes, said Mrs. Shukster. "People are so proud to live here. The pride shows across the entire community."

Homes range from 1,470 to 2,065 square feet while the prices ranging from \$294,900 to \$369,900. Meanwhile, the homes

are fully landscaped with an irrigation system in place.

The Shuksters have made many friends since moving to their new home. In a few weeks, a 43-member group will vacation in Spain. Of those going on the trip, 22 are from the country club development. "We also have dining parties, ladies nights out and an exercise classes," said Mrs. Shukster. "It's such a friendly place to live. And it's real mixed bag. People from all walks of life live here."

Schickedanz Bros. Ltd., has been a family of builders for more than 50 years. "The innovation in planning, land utilization and design that Schickedanz is employing is remarkable," said Mr. Macklin. "Much care and consideration has been given to preserving and working with the natural environment. As a result, the community offers residents a truly extraordinary quality of life."



Betty and Bernie Shukster sit in the living room of their home on Arnie's Chances at the Ballantrae Golf and Country Club. They're happy they moved to the award-winning community.

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