



DISTINCT DESIGNS

PROPERTY BOASTS FOUR THEMES, INCLUDING GATHERING SPOTS



A contemporary shade covering Maria and Dale Disharoon's outdoor kitchen and dining area (top) offers protection from the weather and stray golf balls from Arrowood Golf Course. The canopy is rated to withstand winds of 75-80 mph. The second-story balcony (above) offers opportunity for repose after a busy day. MINDY MELLEBRUCH PHOTOS

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As their peers neared retirement and began to downsize, Maria and Dale Disharoon decided to do the opposite. For 30 years, they lived in a condo in the La Jolla-University City neighborhood where they enjoyed the luxury of walking to work.

But the increased congestion and noise in the neighborhood ended up being too much. Their solution was to look for a detached home near the beach. What they didn't expect was to change their minds again, forgoing the beach, and instead, retiring in a 3,200-square-foot home on a quarter of an acre in east Oceanside by a golf course.

"What convinced us to buy at The Greens in Arrowood was the large lot sizes, a rarity in Southern California," Dale said. "The yard was something we'd never had before with beautiful views and quiet, peaceful surroundings replete with starlit nights."

The Disharoons admired the contemporary look of their condo and wanted to replicate it on their new property, which they bought two years ago. After being disappointed with the first landscaper they hired, they searched landscaping projects online and found a contemporary design that wowed them on the website of Stonebridge Landscapes. They followed up with owner Juan Dorta-Duque.