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PUBLISHER'S NOTE



"Signature" events have been celebrated on the Golf Island for decades, the PGA TOUR has just gotten the memo the last couple of years. Our post-Masters party, known the world over as the RBC Heritage is just another of the magical memories created here every day since before the days of bridges to mainland!

And if you've become accustomed to seeing the stunning TV shots of the Lowcountry during the Heritage coverage, what you don't see is that all of the other two-dozen great layouts that are accessible within a half-hour of wherever you're staying in the Lowcountry. Harbour Town's closed from May until the late fall for a well-deserved renovation that will bring it back and better than ever. Its two sister courses, Atlantic Dunes and Heron Point, are getting their moment in the Sea Pines spotlight.

In this issue, we feature the time-honored layouts at Palmetto Dunes, the three courses named for their renowned designers Robert Trent Jones, Arthur Hills and George Fazio, and all of the other fun amenities (it's also becoming a pickleball mecca in this part of the world) that make

PD a one-stop, mid-island gathering place for couples, families and groups of friends to enjoy the heart of the Lowcountry.

And some of those other gems you can play have been designed by legends you might have watched play here too- from Palmer and Nicklaus to Player and Davis Love III.

We hope you'll take advantage of our advantages off the courses as well, from our 12 miles of Atlantic oceanfront that are bikeable or our nearly 100 miles of biking and hiking trails through our island forests to our fishing, boating, sailing, paddleboarding, kayaking and other water sports. There are now even indoor and outdoor go-kart tracks and new indoor golf facilities on and off-island.

We've even turned 'fooding' into a participant sport with dozens of world-class restaurants.

Getting from the 'runway to the fairway' has never been easier, the first tee just minutes away from Hilton Head's convenient terminal (HHH) with daily connections through Charlotte and Atlanta and seasonal service (and we're in season now!) from more than a dozen destinations. Or it's still just a quick drive in from Savannah (SAV) and even more air travel options. PLAY AWAY!

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Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort:

Hilton Head Island's Golf and Leisure Paradise

Nestled along the pristine shores of Hilton Head Island, S.C., Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort is a premier destination for golf enthusiasts and vacationers alike. With its world-class golf courses designed by legendary architects, cutting-edge practice facilities and top-tier amenities, this enclave — named among the top 15 "Best Resorts in the South" by Condé Nast Traveler and "Golf Resort of the Year" by the International Association of Golf Tour Operators (IAGTO) in 2024 — offers the perfect spring and summer retreat for those seeking a blend of sport, relaxation and coastal beauty.

Championship golf at Palmetto Dunes

Golfers visiting Palmetto Dunes are treated to **three award-winning courses**, each

presenting a unique challenge while showcasing the natural beauty of Hilton Head Island — and all three have been named "South Carolina Course of the Year." Whether you are a seasoned golfer looking to test your skills or a beginner eager to learn, Palmetto Dunes has something for every level of play.

The **Robert Trent Jones Oceanfront Course** is the most recognizable of Palmetto Dunes' golf offerings,



boasting stunning oceanfront views and a challenging yet fair layout. A signature hole, the par-five 10th, provides breathtaking views of the Atlantic Ocean, making it one of the most photographed holes on the island. With generous fairways and strategically placed bunkers, this course offers an enjoyable round for golfers of all abilities while maintaining enough complexity to challenge even the most skilled players.

Known for its rolling fairways and natural lagoons, the **Arthur Hills Course** is a



masterpiece that demands precision and strategy. Carved through lush maritime forests and scenic dunes, this course offers stunning landscapes and rewarding challenges, particularly on its narrow approach shots and well-guarded greens. This course is also home to the Hilton Head Rear Range Lighthouse, built between 1879 and 1880 and located behind the 5th and 15th greens.

Regarded as one of the toughest publicaccessible courses in South Carolina, the **George Fazio Course** is the only par-70 layout on Hilton Head Island. It tests players with its long par fours, strategically placed hazards, and undulating greens.

Golfers can search available tee times and reserve online and even book multiple



rounds online in one checkout at <u>PalmettoDunes.com/Golf</u>.

For those looking to hone their skills before hitting the links, the **Palmetto Dunes Toptracer Range** at the Jones Course is a must-visit. This state-of-the-art facility, with 14 hitting bays and a VIP area, utilizes Toptracer technology, which allows players to track ball flight, distance, and accuracy in real-time. With engaging game modes and practice challenges, it's an excellent way to improve your swing or enjoy a fun, tech-enhanced golf experience with family and friends. The range is open to all ages and skill levels and includes casual seating



areas, making it a popular attraction for spring and summer visitors, and guests can enjoy cool drinks and tasty food with their Toptracer Range experience, available for purchase and delivery to your bay from the resort's bay hosts. Advanced reservations booking online are strongly encouraged.

For those looking to start playing the game or further refine their skills, the **Palmetto**



Dunes Golf Academy offers top-tier instruction from PGA professionals. Whether you're new to the game or looking to shave strokes off your handicap, the academy provides private lessons, group clinics, and junior programs tailored to all skill levels. Led by the resort's beloved and entertaining Director of Golf Instruction, Doug Weaver, the academy's spring and summer programs are particularly popular, offering visitors a chance to learn from experts while enjoying the island's pleasant weather.

A visit to Palmetto Dunes isn't complete without stopping by one of its **wellstocked pro shops**. The Jones Shop is Hilton Head's largest pro shop, carrying the latest styles from men's and ladies golf apparel brands to ensure golfers look their best on and off the course.

Beyond golf: Resort amenities, activities and accommodations

While golf is at the heart of Palmetto Dunes, the resort offers a wealth of other activities to enhance your getaway.

For racquet sports enthusiasts, Palmetto Dunes boasts one of the **top-ranked tennis and pickleball centers** in the country. With 17 clay tennis courts and 24 pickleball courts, players can enjoy professional instruction, competitive matches, and even clinics tailored for all skill levels as well as the popular roundrobins drawing players from all over.



Exploring Hilton Head Island by bike is one of the best ways to take in its stunning scenery, and Palmetto Dunes makes it easy with miles of paved biking trails throughout the resort. Guests can rent a variety of bicycles to explore the winding paths and breathtaking oceanfront views along the resort's 3 miles of beachfront.

Palmetto Dunes is home to an 11-mile inland saltwater lagoon system, providing a unique setting for kayaking, canoeing, and fishing.

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort offers private vacation homes and villas for rent and is ideal for golf groups or family vacations due to its access to the beach, golf courses, tennis & pickleball center, biking, kayaking, dining, shopping and much more — all in one place. Guests may enjoy the hassle-free seasonal



Dunes Buggy shuttle service offering transportation convenience around the resort and Shelter Cove.

Dining at Palmetto Dunes



No visit to Palmetto Dunes is complete without indulging in its diverse culinary offerings. The Palmetto Dunes General Store provides quick bites, coffee, and fresh

bakery items, perfect for a morning start before hitting the links. Big Jim's BBQ, Burgers, Pizza & Catering is a favorite for casual dining, offering hearty comfort food with views of the Robert Trent Jones course. For a fine dining experience, Alexander's Restaurant & Wine Bar serves fresh seafood and Lowcountry-inspired dishes, making it a must-visit for food lovers. Resorts guests may also enjoy casual dining oceanside at The Dunes House.

Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina: The Perfect complement to Palmetto Dunes

Just across the street, Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina offers an array of activities, dining and shopping. As the largest deep-water marina on Hilton Head



Island, Shelter Cove is the go-to spot for boat rentals, fishing charters, and scenic sunset cruises. Visitors can also enjoy seasonal live music and waterfront dining at seven popular restaurants such as ELA's On the Water, Scott's Fish Market and Top Dawg Tavern & Pizza.

For those looking to experience local culture, Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina provides boutique shopping and seasonal events, including the beloved summertime HarbourFest fireworks and entertainment. Visit <u>ShelterCoveHiltonHead.com</u> for additional information.



Experience the best of Hilton Head Island this spring and summer

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort is the ideal destination for a spring or summer getaway, blending championship golf, high-tech practice facilities, and luxurious resort amenities. Whether you spend your days on the links, enjoying beachside relaxation, or exploring the vibrant scene at Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, there's no shortage of unforgettable experiences waiting for you on Hilton Head Island. Plan your visit today and discover why Palmetto Dunes remains a premier coastal retreat for golfers and vacationers alike. For information call (877) 567-6512 or visit <u>PalmettoDunes.com</u>.

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- 36 Holes
- "Top 25 U.S. Golf Resorts" Golf Digest

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- 36 Holes
- Arthur Hills 2024 LGCOA "Golf Course of the Year"
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Shipyard Golf Club

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OYSTER REEF GOLF CLUB



Named as one of *Golf Digest's* "Best New Courses in America" in 1982, Oyster Reef enjoys a stellar reputation within Hilton Head Island's golf community. Rees Jones routed the course as an intriguing series of doglegs requiring precision from tee to green. The wellbunkered, multiple-tiered greens also call for a deft touch. Oyster Reef's signature, however, is one of Hilton Head Island's most scenic holes: the par-three sixth is set against the marshes and deep water of Port Royal Sound.

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COURSE DETAILS

Architect: Rees Jones Refined in 2008 by Jeff Brauer

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Gold	7005	72	74.7	137
Blue	6440	72	72.2	124
White	6071	72	70.5	119
Green	5288	72	71.1	120

A Heritage Golf Group Course



PALMETTO HALL CUPP, HILLS COURSES



Palmetto Hall Golf & Country Club is home to a magnificent Arthur Hills design - a lesson in golf and geometry. The golf course opened in 1991 to rave reviews and was almost instantly named to *Golf Digest's* list as one of America's Top 10 New Courses. Hills' signature style is on full display here. Undulating fairways with lots of mounding wind through heavily wooded forests of mossdraped oaks and towering pines, that frame the fairways of many holes. Lush fairways and crystalline lakes give way to large greens, with bunkers protecting each that will challenge all golfers.

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108 Fort Howell Drive Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

CUPP COURSE DETAILS

Architect: Robert Cupp

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Gold	7079	72	75.2	149
Blue	6524	72	72.3	135
White	6042	72	69.9	124
Forward	5220	72	70.3	123

HILL COURSE DETAILS

Architect: Arthur Hills

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Gold	6918	72	74.1	142
Blue	6582	72	72.5	133
White	6257	72	70.8	131
Forward	5006	72	70.3	119

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The 27 holes at Shipyard Golf Club epitomize coastal resort golf: oak and magnolia-lined fairways, plentiful bunkers, water hazards and wellprotected greens. Play these George Cobb designs in any rotation and you'll understand how seamlessly the island's golf courses fit into their natural settings. Shipyard hosted one of the earliest PGA Tour Champions events, the Hilton Head Seniors International, from 1982 to 1984. Shipyard Golf Club remains a Lowcountry favorite.

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CLIPPER/GALLEON

Architect: George W. Cobb

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Champ.	6878	72	73.2	133
Black	6448	72	71.2	131
Middle	6073	72	69.5	126
Forward	5391	72	71.0	124

BRIGANTINE/CLIPPER

Architect: George W. Cobb

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Champ.	6855	72	73.3	138
Black	6356	72	70.8	129
Middle	5984	72	69.4	123
Forward	5202	72	70.5	121

GALLEON/BRIGANTINE

Architect: George W. Cobb

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Champ.	6735	72	72.7	133
Black	6200	72	70.1	123
Middle	5859	72	68.9	119
Forward	5127	72	70.5	118



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PORT ROYAL ROBBERS ROW, BARONY



Owned and operated by the Heritage Golf Group, the 36 holes at Port Royal offer an exemplary golf experience and a history lesson or two. The Barony Course was designed by George Cobb in the early 1960s as one of Hilton Head Island's first courses. Accuracy is paramount here, especially on approach shots to the heavily guarded greens. The Robber's Row Course, with newly renovated greens and course enhancements, originally done by Cobb and Willard Byrd, was redesigned in 1994 by Pete Dye. It is sited on a former Civil War encampment and features historical markers throughout the course.

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ROBBERS ROW COURSE

Architects: George W. Cobb & Willard Byrd redesigned 1994 by Pete Dye

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Gold	6657	71	73.3	134
Blue	6311	71	71.6	129
White	6001	71	70.3	126

BARONY COURSE

Architect: George W. Cobb

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Gold	6654	72	71.8	135
Blue	6223	72	70.8	138
White	5964	72	69.7	126
Green	5183	72	66.8	111

A Heritage Golf Group Course



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HARBOUR TOWN GOLF LINKS



Reserve a round on the world-famous Harbour Town Golf Links. Home to the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing, this distinguished course is the crowning achievement of famed designer Pete Dye and design consultant Jack Nicklaus. Put your game to the ultimate test against a collection of par threes that are ranked among the world's finest, and a par four 18th hole considered one of the most feared in all of golf. Dye's masterpiece places a premium on finesse, imagination and shot making, rather than strength. A perennial favorite among PGA TOUR players, this awardwinning course is consistently rated one of the best in the U.S. by such authoritative publications as Golf Digest, GOLF Magazine and Golfweek.



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COURSE DETAILS

Architect: Pete Dye Design Consultant: Jack Nicklaus

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Heritage	7191	71	75.6	148
Blue	6681	71	73.4	144
White	6253	71	71.4	136
Gold	5867	71	69.6	131
Green	5047	71	66.7	118

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HERON POINT BY PETE DYE



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COURSE DETAILS

Architect: Pete Dye

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Dye	7035	72	74.8	140
Blue	6523	72	72.3	132
White	6020	72	70.2	124
Gold	5569	72	67.8	119
Green	5151	72	66.3	110
Orange	3677	72	-	-



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ATLANTIC DUNES BY DAVIS LOVE III



A complete reconstruction of the Ocean Course, Hilton Head Island's first golf course, this seaside course has a pronounced Lowcountry feel accented by coquina shells and seaside grass. Modernized by Davis Love III, along with his brother Mark Love and lead architect Scot Sherman, the coastal classic features rebuilt holes to accommodate modern shot values and frame scenic corridors. The course seamlessly incorporates elements of the surrounding beachfront along with native pines and oaks lining the fairways.



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COURSE DETAILS

Designer: Davis Love III Co-Designer: Mark Love Architect: Scot Sherman, ASGCA

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Love	7065	72	74.3	143
Blue	6508	72	72.2	138
White	6102	72	70.1	130
Gold	5618	72	67.8	119
Green	4945	72	64.9	114
Orange	3911	72	61.1	106





GOLDEN BEAR GOLF CLUB



Nestled within the scenic residential community of Indigo Run, the Golden Bear course is a product of the Nicklaus Design Group. Jack's formidable influence can be found in the course's emphasis on shot values; strategy and finesse are required on Golden Bear rather than brute strength. Mature oak and pine forests frame the gently rolling fairways, and there is just enough water and sand to keep golfers from being mesmerized by the course's tranquil, park-like beauty. Golden Bear Golf Club is one of Hilton Head Island's finest and a local favorite!

843-689-2200 www.GoldenBear-IndigoRun.com

100 Indigo Run Dr. Hilton Head Island, SC 29926



COURSE DETAILS

Architect: Jack Nicklaus

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	7014	72	74.9	142
Blue	6643	72	73.1	139
Gold	6184	72	70.9	139
White	5259	72	м 67.0 w 75.6	117 127
Green	4974	72	69.2	118
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COURSE DETAILS

Architect: Rees Jones

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	6804	72	74.2	139
Blue	6486	72	72.4	135
White	6162	72	71.3	133
Gold	5727	72	69.7	125



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Slope

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COURSE DETAILS

Architect: Gary Player

Yards

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Tees

Black

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COURSE DETAILS

Architects: Gary Player and Bobby Weed

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	6580	71	72.1	133
Blue	6151	71	70.0	126
White	5688	71	68.0/73.8 (w)	119/132 (w)
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7 Carnoustie Road Hilton Head Island, SC 29928



COURSE DETAILS

Architect: George Fazio

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Gold	6873	70	74.2	145
Blue	6534	70	72.5	142
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Green/Sr.	5478	70	67.8	124
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COURSE DETAILS

Architect: Robert Trent Jones and Roger Rulewich

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Gold	7005	72	74.8	141
Blue	6570	72	72.8	137
White	6141	72	70.6	132
Green/Sr.	5621	72	68.0	123
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COURSE DETAILS

Architect: Arthur Hills

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Blue	6651	72	73.5	139
Bl./Wht.	6377	72	72.4	135
White	6122	72	71.5	127
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COURSE DETAILS

Architects: Clyde Johnston

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Gold	6772	72	72.7	141
Blue	6354	72	70.7	134
White	5779	72	68.9	123
Green	5135	72	64.9	112
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843-757-9030 www.rosehillgolfclub.com

4 Clubhouse Drive Bluffton, SC 29910



COURSE DETAILS

Architects: Gene Hamm

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	6588	72	71.5	131
White	6153	72	69.6	124
Silver	5676	72	67.6	113
Red	5101	72	69.9	117





EAGLE'S POINTE GOLF CLUB





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843-757-5900 www.eaglespointegolf.com

1 Eagle Pointe Drive Bluffton, SC 29909





COURSE DETAILS

Architects: David Love III

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Love III	6782	71	72.5	130
Blue	6399	71	70.0	126
White	6026	71	68.2	117
Red	5112	71	69.8	119

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Crescent Pointe Golf Club offers a striking balance of beauty and challenge that has made it a favorite among visitors and local residents. The course was designed by Arnold Palmer, his only 'Signature' design in the Lowcountry available for non-member play and the King's touches are on display at every turn; undulating fairways and creative bunkering contribute both strategically and aesthetically to the design. Located just a few miles west of Hilton Head Island, Crescent Pointe benefits from its recent acquisition by the Metropolitan Golf Group. The company has multiple golf course and clubhouse improvements planned to enhance the golfer experience at Crescent Pointe.



COURSE DETAILS

Architects: Arnold Palmer

Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Palmer	6772	71	72.9	137
Blue	6447	71	70.0	130
White	6003	71	68.5	125
Red	5219	71	69.2	126

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Tees	Yards	Par	Rating	Slope
Black	6898	72	73.3	131
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A HERITAGE HALL OF FAME

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BY BOB STEVENS

We don't know yet whether their recent RBC Heritage wins in 2022 and 2024 will propel Jordan Spieth and Scottie Scheffler into the World Golf Hall of Fame, but history says it sure doesn't hurt their chances!

A dozen members of the Hall can also claim a Heritage title (some of them more than one) and a 13th, two-time tartan jacket winner Jim Furyk, should be the next Hall of Fame inductee.

The list of heroes begins with inaugural champion **Arnold Palmer**, who broke a year-anda-half long winless streak with a Thanksgiving weekend win at the brand-new Harbour Town Golf Links that pened just that week. In his victory speech before the still-not-completed iconic lighthouse, he needled coarchitect **Jack Nicklaus** for being the one (along with a young Pee Dye)





who'd designed a course Palmer could win on! It began a tradition of future Hall of Famers adding Harbour Town to their resumes that at one point measured 9 of the first 11 Heritage titles and 22 of the first 35 names on the Wall of Champions.

Jack did finally win at the course he helped create, in the seventh Heritage (his fourth), beating Tom Weiskopf just two weeks before that pair would be joined by **Johnny Miller** in a legendary duel at the Masters, also won by the Golden Bear. By then, Miller had already won twice at Harbour Town, in 1972 and '74, nearly blowing a 10-shot lead on "the easiest course in the world to choke on I've ever seen." How often would he use that term again in his 'other' career as a TV analyst?



Hale Irwin won his first of 20 Tour titles at Harbour Town in 1971, then won his second on Tour on Hilton Head in '73 and his final Tour victory a remarkable 21 years after that 1973 win, when he beat Hall of Famer **Greg Norman**, who won his tartan jacket in 1998 with leukemia patient Jamie Hutton close-by during the march to a victorious final round 66, maybe the most emotional win in Heritage history.

Tom Watson would seem to the prototypical Heritage champion, and he won at Harbour Town twice, on 1979 and 1982 and also finished in the top-10 five other times. The steady **Hubert Green** and his remarkable short game were rewarded on both sides of his 1977 U-S Open win, taking the Heritage title in '76 and '78- though Green's 1978 win might have been overshadowed by another Hall of Famer, 67-year-old Sam Snead not only making the cut, but shooting an even-par 71 on a windy Sunday.

You want to know why another TV analyst, **Sir Nick Faldo**, always speaks reverently of Harbour Town?

He won for the first time on U-S soil here in 1984, and considering he won at only three other American venues- Augusta National, Doral and Riviera, you can imagine his love for Hilton Head's links.

But with all of Faldo's Masters mastery, he couldn't do what the guy who won the Heritage the year before Faldo. **Bernhard Langer** took the momentum from his Masters win in 1983 and brought it to the Island, becoming the first to ever do the Augusta/Hilton Head double-play until Scottie Scheffler just last year.

Maybe nobody had more fun playing Harbour Town than Hall of Famer Nick Price, who had four top-7 finishes in a 7-year run, sandwiched around a 6-shot win in 1997. And maybe nobody engendered more smiles than two-time winner **Payne Stewart**, who dominated here in 1989 and '90, becoming the first back-to-back winner in Heritage history.

Which maybe makes **Davis Love**'s career at Harbour Town even more remarkable. He had already won his first Tour event here as a 23-year-old in 1987, then matched Stewart's back-to-back wins in the back-to-back years after Stewart's run, in 1991 and '92. He followed his one major, the '97 PGA, with another tartan jacket in '98. Then in 2003, he put an exclamation point on his Harbour Town career with that iconic chip-in to force a playoff at the 72nd hole and flagsticksmacking approach, again at 18, to win his 5th Heritage on the 4th playoff hole.



Who's next? Certainly Furyk. Then maybe Spieth and Scheffler, or maybe someone we can only imagine will become a Heritage/Hall of Fame Hero.



AMERICA'S GOLF ISLAND

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina is a Vacationing Golfer's Dream Getaway Come True. Known as America's Golf Island, Hilton Head Island is the crown jewel of South Carolina's picturesque Lowcountry. Snuggled on the east coast between the iconic destinations of Savannah, GA, and Charleston, SC, Hilton Head Island is the largest barrier island off the Atlantic coast between Long Island and the Bahamas, covering 42 square miles — 12 miles long and 5 miles wide at its widest point.

The first eco-planned vacation destination in the United States, Hilton Head Island regularly generates many impressive headlines and accolades. *Condé Nast Traveler* has proclaimed the Island its top choice in the 2023 Readers' Choice "Best Islands in the United States". Meanwhile, *Travel + Leisure* magazine ranked Hilton Head Island in 2023 as the "No. 1 Island in the Continental United States".

"These awards are annual occurrences for Hilton Head Island. They certainly validate what we see every day", said Brad Marra, Chief Operating Officer at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort. "Hilton Head Island is simply one of the most appealing getaways anywhere, particularly for families. There is truly something for everyone here. The weather is ideal and the island's many activities are unrivaled."



With limitless things to do and a delightfully perennial climate beckoning to be savored throughout the seasons, the area is a natural magnet for a spectrum of sports, recreation and outdoor leisure.

Golf is a year-round proposition on America's Golf Island. While many consider the spring and fall to be the best seasons to take to the tees, value can be found both in the winter and summer months, as well.

More than a million rounds of golf are played on the Island annually — more golf per capita than any place in the country. While some of its top courses are private, Hilton Head Island has earned its reputation as one of the world's finest golf destinations, primarily due to its outstanding public and resort courses that will satisfy the palate of even the most selective golfer.

Hilton Head Island is shaped like a foot. The Sea Pines Resort, home of the famed Harbour Town Golf Links and two other storied courses, is located at the "toe", or the south end of the Island. The late Pete Dye's masterpiece at Harbour Town remains a lasting monument to Southern coastal golf and a bucket-list course for any aficionado. Atlantic Dunes by Davis Love III is a complete redesign of the Resort's historic Ocean Course by the popular five-time Heritage champion. Not to be outdone, the Resort's Heron Point by Pete Dye features his classic hallmarks - risk-reward holes, fairways that move toward and away from hazards and his ubiquitous mounding and swales framing target areas.



Just a smooth 9-iron from Sea Pines on the Island's south end is Shipyard Plantation, which offers 27 holes designed by George Cobb and Willard Byrd that can be played in a trio of 18-hole combinations. Each 9-holer – called Clipper, Galleon and Brigantine – possesses its own merits. But there is one constant: water comes into play on nearly every hole. Nevertheless, all 27 holes at Shipyard are imminently and enjoyably playable.

Located at the "arch" is Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort, with its Robert Trent Jones, George Fazio and Arthur Hills courses. Each course has been honored with South Carolina's "Golf Course of the Year" award in the past 15 years. Bounded by three miles of Atlantic Ocean beach on one side and a sheltered Intracoastal Waterway marina on the other, Palmetto Dunes serves up a storied history of unparalleled golf, tennis, pickleball and a variety of fun-filled outdoor activities. The Resort recently added the new Toptracer Range - an interactive driving range experience that provides hours of fun for everyone.

Vacationing golfers also love taking on one of the two courses by Nicklaus and his son, Jack II, at Indigo Run Plantation. Winding through forests of pine and oak, and along freshwater lowlands, the Golden Bear Golf Club, which debuted in 1992, delivers a round you won't soon forget.

Situated in the Island's "heel" is Port Royal — home to the original landing site of William Hilton, the explorer for whom the island is named.



Port Royal offers 54 holes designed by Dye, Cobb and Byrd. Each layout is unique in its own right and considered a must play on any golf trip. Port Royal is also renowned for its tennis and pickleball center, and other outstanding amenities, including the luxurious Westin Hilton Head Resort & Spa.

Making your way toward "the ankle" area of the Island – the north end – you will find a host of fantastic courses. Palmetto Hall Golf and Country Club, the Island's "youngest" gated community, features two immensely memorable designs by Arthur Hills and Bob Cupp. Hills sculpted a layout so popular and strategic that it serves as the site of many of the area's top tournaments and events, while the Cupp Course is known for its striking geometric bunkers and greens, not to mention its challenging design.

Also on the north end, Hilton Head Plantation is the Island's second-oldest private community, occupying nearly 4,000 acres. Hilton Head Plantation offers a trio of gorgeous courses, two of which were designed by Rees Jones. Oyster Reef Golf Club is more classic than dramatic. Jones said, "I think it now ranks among the better resort courses in the entire country - playable, but challenging." Bear Creek Golf Club weaves through majestic pines and lagoons and features tight, bunkered fairways that put a premium on every tee shot. The final golf course in the trio is Dolphin Head Golf Club. Codesigned by Gary Player and Ron Kirby, this layout is engulfed by nature and wildlife – each hole carved into thick forest, giving a sense of isolation from hole-to-hole.

An additional nine courses are located just off the Island which explains why the area appeals to such a broad base. It's the perfect setup for the annual buddy golf trip, couples trip, girlfriend getaway and parent-child weekend. One visit and you will see why Southern comfort perfectly defines the Hilton Head Island golf vacation experience.





A BUDDIES TRIP TO HILTON HEAD? *A Great Idea!*

BY BOB STEVENS

Hilton Head Island and the South Carolina Lowcountry are already considered a haven for group get-togethers. And yet the area might be under-rated, and certainly under-appreciated as maybe THE fit for your gang's next 'Buddy Trip'.

You probably don't need to be told how great a buddies' trip can be, especially in these tumultuous times. Getting away with the gang you grew up with, or reuniting with your old college buddies or the families preparing for an upcoming wedding, or a handful of couples getting together to enjoy healthy time together with golf as a centerpiece are terrific examples of golf's growth, especially since the COVID crisis. So why Hilton Head? Why not Hilton Head?

THE GOLF! That's the easy part. 'Buddy Trip' and 'Bucket List' go hand-in-hand.

In fact, many buddy trips are built around the one 'big' round at a course all their jealous friends back home have seen on TV. One of the beauties of golf over nearly all other sports, even most other



group events, is that YOU can play where the pros play. Can't do it at Fenway Park, or the Rose Bowl and the Big House, or



Madison Square Garden and the Dean Dome. Actually, unless you're incredibly well-connected, you can't even put a buddy's trip together to Augusta National or Oakmont. But you can build a group getaway that includes one of the most iconic courses in the world, Hilton Head's own Harbour Town Golf Links (which is



undergoing a renovation between May and November of 2025, but will be back and better than ever in time for late fall gatherings) has been celebrated world-wide on TV for decades. Who doesn't want to tell a story about the birdie they made at one of Harbour Town's treacherous par-3s that they can compare to a pro's bogey or worse? Or the group photo of best friends on the surprisingly small 18th green with the iconic candy-striped lighthouse looming behind? And the inner-story of the wind blowing the flag atop the flagstick, or the setup for the sunset wedding behind the green later in the day.

But the golf doesn't stop (and shouldn't even start) at Harbour Town. Sea Pines features two other acclaimed, and accessible, courses within a mile of the lighthouse. Pete Dye's renovation of Heron Point shows his versatility, and plays out of the same clubhouse as Davis Love III's restoration of Hilton Head's

original layout, the Ocean Course, now called Atlantic Dunes, that has returned Island golf to its



beachy, breezy beginnings. Great tests of golf? Absolutely! Too hard or formal? Not at all.

EASY DRIVING! More than just on the fairways, one of Hilton Head's great advantages over any other Buddies Trip destination is the proximity of its courses. It is an Island, right? There are nearly two dozen public courses on this 48 squaremile piece of real estate- about the right ratio of golf course to land mass, don't you think?

Just ten minutes from the Sea Pines trio is Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort, with its own triple-play of challenging, but not tormenting tests, named for their architects, Robert Trent Jones, George Fazio and Arthur Hills. PD also boasts the only Toptracer Range (the outdoor version of TopGolf) in the area, another great gathering place for friends and family before or after any Hilton Head round.

The Heritage Collection is aptly named, with six courses weaving their fairways throughout the Golf Island from



Oyster Reef and two great layouts at Palmetto Hall (the Arthur Hills course is the reigning South Carolina Course of the Year), to the historic Port Royal Plantation's Barony and Robbers Row courses, to the fun 27 holes in the Shipyard Plantation, all of which are accessible within 20 minutes of wherever you're staying. And here are plenty more favorites just off the Island with their own marshy views, interesting routings, or the challenge of playing alongside Marine Corps basic training at the Legends GC at Parris Island, just a half-hour or so from Hilton Head.

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accommodations are certainly a lot more varied than the recruits are offered, another of Hilton Head's great advantages. Want a beachfront hotel? Check (there'as even now a Hilton again)! Rather stay in a villa or condo? There are hundreds available in all price ranges and locations, including alongside many of the fairways already described. You can even rent entire houses with single or multiple bedrooms right along the ocean, or within quiet cul-desacs throughout the island.

DISTRACTIONS? YES, PLEASE!

Ah, that ocean we've been talking about. Twelve miles of gorgeous Atlantic Oceanfront run along the footprint of the shoe-shaped Island with water that's surprisingly warm (sometimes too warm in the late summer) and frankly, not all that surfable, but extremely walkable, and bikeable. If you're looking for activities besides golf, there are as many rental bikes on the island as those owned by our residents, who share 100 miles of paths through the vegetation of this most ecofriendly community.

Oh yes, there's pickleball now too, with many lighted resort courts and a town government committed to keeping up with the demand for public courts. There's also fishing (fresh-water and deep-sea), sailing and other watersports, and even dolphin tours if you'd like a natural distraction (and maybe a beverage or two).

Which leads right into our favorite distraction from golf, the growing and diverse restaurant scene that has been joined by many distinguished bigger-city chefs who've brought their expertise to a more laid-back venue, treating us to all of our best lives! Post-round dining is easily a cut-above the bar-food-favored golf destinations. Challenge yourself to find the best seafood, shrimp-and-grits or fried green tomatoes. If you're into 'eat where the locals eat', Islanders much prefer momand-pop to your fast-casual chains.

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?

Maybe the Lowcountry's most underappreciated quality is its sense of peace. There's not nearly the chaos (i.e. traffic and noise) as many other golf destinations. Hilton Head promotes one passionrelaxation. Residents are proud that there are very few streetlights and No neon signs, plenty of stargazing.

So, when are you bringing the gang to come play? Each season has its



advantages. The courses are in the best shape during our spring (Valentine's Day to Memorial Day) and fall (Labor Day to Thanksgiving), but are still playable year-round and there are great values to be



had during summer beach season and the weather will probably surprise you through the winter months.

Getting here is easier than it looks. The drive from Atlanta, Charlotte and Orlando is shorter than you might think (less than 5 hours). Hilton Head Island's airport (HHH) is worth plugging into your airline search, and the nation's most convenient airport (voted by travelers themselves) Savannah/Hilton Head (SAV) is less than an hour from runway to fairway.

And maybe a key advantage to working through the details of a Buddy Trip to Hilton Head? After you've done a little research, contact one of the group sales people at a course you've targeted. Besides being friendly, they're helpful, and even better than being competitive, they're cooperative and will help you mix and match your courses, your accommodations and all the extras that will make your Buddy's Trip to Hilton Head and the Lowcountry an experience you'll want to repeat.

A 20-year Island resident, Bob Stevens called golf for PGA TOUR Radio during the Tiger and Phil years and also anchored ESPN SportsCenters during its glory days.



GOLF WEATHER

January	40-59°F
February	
March	48-68°F
April	56-76°F
May	
June	
July	
August	
September	
October	
November	49-69°F
December	

TRAVEL TO THE GOLF ISLAND

Interstate 95 is the direct link to our golfing paradise. There are several exits that provide access to Hilton Head Island, but the best is Exit 8 via U.S. 278. You'll head east for about 30 minutes on this four-lane highway before reaching the bridges to Hilton Head Island.





Sunny days and breezy nights. Bike rides and golf swings. A delicious Lowcountry plate, loaded with fresh seafood. Don't you wish you could just snap your fingers and be here on Hilton Head Island? With new American Airlines and Delta Air Lines non-stop direct flights from seven major cities and key connection airports, it's almost that easy.

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Notably, year-round service is available from Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) and seasonal service is available from Boston Logan International Airport (BOS), Washington Reagan Airport (DCA), Chicago (ORD), Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW) and Philadelphia (PHL). Book your flight to Hilton Head Island at *www.AA.com*.

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Also, the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport is about 45 miles south of the Island just over the Georgia border in Savannah, GA, and offers many nonstop flights to and from major U.S. cities.



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GOLF COURSES

1: Sea Pines Atlantic Dunes 2: Sea Pines Heron Point 3: Sea Pines Harbour Town 4: Shipyard - Clipper 4: Shipyard - Galleon 4: Shipyard - Brigantine 5: Palmetto Dunes - Hills 6: Palmetto Dunes - Fazio 7: Palmetto Dunes - Jones 8: Port Royal - Barony 9. Port Royal - Robber's Row 10: Indigo Run Golden Bear 11: Bear Creek Golf Club 12: Palmetto Hall Plantation Club 13: Oyster Reef Golf Club 14: Dolphin Head 15: Old South Golf Links 16: Hilton Head National 17: Crescent Pointe 18. Rose Hill Golf Club 19. Eagle's Pointe 20. Sun City Argent Lakes 21: Sun City Okatie Creek 22: Sun City Hidden Cypress 23. Legends at Parris Island 24. Fripp Island Ocean Point 25: Fripp Island Ocean Creek

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