



Lights, Camera, Action

Dataw Island Club sets the stage for Lowcountry golf.

SAINT HELENA ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA: Dataw Island Club, with its Tom Fazio and Arthur Hills designs, is tucked between Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, South Carolina, just 10 minutes from the seaside town of Beaufort.

The region's antebellum homes, canopied by moss-covered live oaks are a Hollywood set director's dream. *The Big Chill*, a three-time Oscar nominated movie, was filmed entirely on location in downtown Beaufort.

"We were tired of Chicago winters," groused Bob Shields, member at Dataw Island Club. "Both my wife Kathy and I are passionate golfers. We wanted a private club, located in a small town, with a mild climate.

"We toured the country—from the deserts of the Southwest to the gated communities of South Florida," explained Shields. "Eventually, we narrowed our search exclusively to South Carolina. We favored Hilton Head Island at first, but it proved to be too crowded. We get plenty of traffic and congestion in The Windy City. Dataw Island was right on the money. It is private, well run, and member owned with a diverse socioeconomic membership."

FAZIO'S PERSPECTIVE

Dataw Island Club features 36 holes of golf; an 85-slip, full-service marina; a 40,000 square-foot, graceful clubhouse; eight Har-Tru tennis courts (four lighted for night

play); a fitness center; a pair of championship croquet lawns; a resort-style pool; a community garden; and a neighborhood library.

"Quality survives the test of time," maintained Tom Fazio. "Dataw Island Club was one of the first, and remains one of the finest, master planned communities in the Southeast. The island is long and linear to allow routing that maximizes water views. I believe between the two courses, Dataw Island Club has 11 holes bordering estuaries. The elevation change and a palette of brown and green hues of its marshes create a picturesque backdrop."

A SERENDIPITOUS DISCOVERY

As a 26-year Navy man and successful business executive recruiter, Shields has seen his fair share of well-oiled machines. "I know what a well-run organization looks like, and Dataw Island is well-run!" adamantly stated Shields. "Since our club is tucked away on a barrier island, you have to seek us out. Many private club members may be familiar with our well-known neighbor down the street—The Secession Golf Club. While Dataw Island Club and The Secession Golf Club are totally culturally different, the golf experience is comparable." ■

For more information on Dataw Island Club and their Experience Package, visit Dataw.org or call (866) 683-2829.

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