

INVESTING in GOLF

Colleton River's Dye course was selected by director Robert Redford for his movie, The Legend of Bagger Vance.

BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA: Surrounded by water on three sides and bordered by an 1,100-acre nature preserve, Colleton River is a 1,500-acre private community with panoramic views of the Colleton and Chechessee rivers which provide deep-water access to the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean. Every one of its 705 properties is perfectly positioned to maximize Lowcountry views.

Its amenities include Pete Dye and Jack Nicklaus Signature courses, two clubhouses, a large fitness center, a Junior Olympic swimming pool, a Stan Smith tennis complex, and a community dock. The private club is financially healthy and operates as a \$14 million business.

A BANNER YEAR

Colleton River is coming off a banner year. "All membership benchmarks are up across the board. We had solid growth in rounds played, real estate sales, and clubhouse utilization," reported Tim Bakels, general manager.

"Based on our strong financial outlook, our Board has approved, and we will be embarking on, a capital cam-

paign of more than \$4 million in additional investments over the next 24 months."

As part of these capital improvements, a new play-ground was constructed and a sixth tennis court was added last fall. Additionally, the club is moving forward with restoration of the Dye Course, inclusive of fairways, bunkers, tees, and greens. The Borland Course will be redesigned to offer tee-to-green approaches and incorporate a short game practice area. Dye clubhouse décor will be refreshed, and the club's security surveillance system will be enhanced.

One of the more significant enhancements includes a new practice park and learning center set along the tidal marsh near the Nicklaus Clubhouse.

"This is prime real estate," said Bakels. "Once complete, our practice facilities will be unrivaled in the Southeast and reinforce our brand as the premier community on the water."

For more information on membership opportunities, please visit CollectonRiverClub.com.

AS PETE DYE surveyed the site for his design at Colleton River, he faced a duel challenge of routing the course around the scenic Lowcountry marshland and carefully preserving the centuries-old live oak trees. The oldest tree, on the 15th hole of the Dye Course, dates to 1577, and 14 trees in the community are more than 300 years old. The Club has invested in excess of \$120,000 to preserve these iconic trees.