Making Fast Friends at Dataw Island Club



DATAW ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA: Similar to the long running television series *The Amazing Race*, William and Debi Lamb's search for the perfect community was more of a marathon than a sprint.

"Our endeavor to find the right fit took the better part of 10 years," said Debi. "Our grown kids live all around the Southeast, so we narrowed our focus to the coastal Carolinas and Georgia. We wanted to find a community where they looked forward to coming, not simply feeling the fiduciary responsibility to visit old mom and dad.

"We discovered many barrier island communities are transient in nature, but not Dataw. That's what attracted us to Dataw Island Club. It's the primary residence for the majority of members. To me, this creates a solid base and greater stability.

"Dataw residents are a melting pot of America with diverse careers, religions, and geographies," explained Debi. "You can't help but be impressed with the wealth of prior success at the club. Our membership includes noted authors, MIT graduates, and even an Oscar winner.

A WELCOMING OUTREACH

"I knew golf would be my conduit to meeting others," said William. "I didn't realize how quickly a connection would be made. I was on the practice range, not knowing a soul. A fellow member approached me, struck up a conversation, and invited me to play the next day."

Dataw Island Club features Tom Fazio and Arthur

Hills courses; an 85-slip, full-service marina; a 40,000 square-foot clubhouse; eight Har-Tru tennis courts (four lighted for night play); a fitness center and yoga studio; a pair of championship croquet lawns; a resort-style pool and an indoor lap pool; a community garden; miles of walking trails, and a neighborhood library.

"I never picked up a golf club until we moved to Dataw," revealed Debi. "William was the golfer in the family. I discovered our two courses are so user friendly that I wasn't discouraged to give it a try. It is hard to believe, but I think I have registered more rounds this year than my husband."

Please visit Dataw.com, or phone (843) 888-3838.



William and Debi Lamb with their dogs, Sophie and Tate, on the beach at Hunting Island, about a 15-minute drive from Dataw Island Club.

"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." — TOM FAZIO