



What's In A Name?

Dataw Island Club, one of the first, and one of the finest, master planned communities in the Southeast has an uncommon history.



"I consider it the hidden jewel of golf in Coastal Carolina." – TOM FAZIO

DATAW ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA: (outside Beaufort): Among Dataw Island Club's Tom Fazio and Arthur Hills courses, one can't help but notice the ruins dotting the property dating back to the early 1800s.

"All land tells a story, but ours has a particularly colorful past," revealed Joe Roney, member and resident historian at Dataw Island. "Contrary to what you might have heard, the English weren't the first to 'discover' the New World. The Spaniards first settled our area in 1566 and eventually the English drove the Spaniards to St. Augustine, Florida.

"Our island has an equally unusual past," continued Roney. "Most Spanish explorers were short in stature, while most native Indians were pushing the six-foot mark. The Spaniards referred to the location as the 'land of giants.' While there is no evidence in history books, folklore has it European leaders, including the pope, were enamored to meet King Datha, the tallest Indian of all. The legend led to the naming of our 'little piece of paradise' into Dataw Island."

FEELS LIKE HOME

"We originally moved to Hilton Head Island before discovering Dataw Island Club and the nearby town of Beaufort," explained Roney.

"My wife is from North Port on Long Island, New York, and Beaufort has a similar feel. After a tour of the facilities at Dataw, it sealed the deal for a move to the private community."

Resident amenities include Tom Fazio and Arthur Hills golf courses, a marina, a 40,000 square-foot clubhouse, eight Har-Tru 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. ■

For more information on Dataw Island Club and their stay-and-play Experience Package (including golf, dinner, accommodations, and a real estate tour), please visit Dataw.com or call (843) 838-3838.

DID YOU KNOW? In the 18th century, cotton truly was king in Beaufort. Sea Island Cotton, a strain of cotton unique to the Lowcountry, thrived in the climate. Cotton plantations served as an important part of Beaufort's economy and the town became the wealthiest and most cultured town of its size in America because of the valuable crop.