



Nicklaus on review of his renovation reported his course is reminiscent of Cypress Point.

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MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR renovation of the Jack Nicklaus Signature Course

PRACTICE PARK one of the Southeast's best

LEARNING CENTER with indoor and outdoor hitting bays

BRUCE BORLAND 6-hole, Augusta-like par-3 course



PETE DYE has described his course at Colleton River Club as the "best I've built." The links-style design offers sweeping water views from holes No. 11 and No. 18, small greens, and several of his signature pot bunkers. Arborists report a tree on the 15th hole dates back to 1577.



Colleton River Club

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BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA: When Colleton River Club opened as one of the first upscale golf communities built off island, some questioned if its location on Highway 278 and the connector to Hilton Head Island was a smart move.

"Our location clearly has its advantages," said Tim Bakels, general manager. "As the Lowcountry expanded, Colleton River Club became the center of the bullseye, within minutes of Hilton Head's powdery sand beaches and easy access to Savannah [known for its antebellum architecture] and Charleston [rated the No. 1 city in America by *Condé Nast Traveler*]."

Colleton River Club is surrounded by water on three sides and bordered by a 1,100-acre nature preserve. Members have access to the Intracoastal Waterway and the Atlantic Ocean. Amenities include Pete Dye and Jack Nicklaus Signature courses, two clubhouses, a large fitness center, a Junior Olympic swimming pool, and a Stan Smith tennis complex.

The private club has invested millions of dollars in recent years, including a complete renovation of its Nicklaus and Dye courses and a new Bruce Borland short course woven throughout its Practice Park.

"Our enhancements aren't limited to golf," said Bakels, "We are constantly evolving based on member interest. Recent projects include adding an organic fruit orchard [for member harvest] and 35 birdhouses for our large population of the brilliantly colored eastern bluebird.

"Nature is our centerpiece. No where is that more evident than the four-mile drive from Colleton River Club's entranceway to the Nicklaus Clubhouse," said Bakels. "The roadway is covered with a canopy of moss-draped live oaks and palmetto trees. I like to refer to the drive as a decompression chamber from the outside world." ■

For information on membership opportunities, please visit ColletonRiverClub.com.