

The STORY CONTINUES

Kiawah Island Golf Resort announces a major expansion scheduled for completion before the 2021 PGA Championship.



KIAWAH ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA: Located 25 miles southwest of downtown Charleston, Kiawah Island has a storied past. In 1861, the first shots fired in the Battle of Fort Sumter could be heard on the barrier island.

Fast forward more than a century, developers took advantage of the area's appealing climate and powder sand beaches by opening Kiawah Island Golf Resort.

"A different type of battle firmly established us as a must visit golf destination," explained Roger Warren, president of Kiawah Island Golf Resort.

"For three days in 1991, the European and U.S. Ryder Cup teams waged a memorable duel on our Pete Dye-designed Ocean Course. The fierce competition, gamesmanship, and exuberance of the teams and fans dubbed the matches 'War by the Shore.'"

Demand led to expansion and opening of The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort—a perennial AAA Five-Diamond and Forbes Five-Star award winner.

Today, Kiawah Island Golf Resort includes five golf courses, 24 tennis courts (of which 19 are clay), and 10

miles of sandy shoreline. In addition to 255 oversized rooms at The Sanctuary, Kiawah also has 500 rental villas, ranging from one to eight bedrooms.

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"The luxury golf resort market isn't deep," continued Warren. "The Sanctuary is the newest oceanfront resort to open in the Southeast. With five golf courses in an unrivaled setting, Kiawah Island Golf Resort is in rarified air.

"I am pleased to announce plans to further enhance our already world-class amenities," smiled Warren. "Our modernization plans include a new 150-room boutique oceanfront hotel, larger conference facilities, a new clubhouse at the Cougar Point Golf Course, rental cottages, and even a nondenominational chapel.

"Upon completion, the expansion will be just as transformational for the resort as the Ryder Cup." ■

For more information on seasonal golf packages at Kiawah Island Golf Resort, please visit KiawahResort.com.

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