



Dream COME TRUE

*A bond between
father and son at
Colleton River.*

“My course at Colleton River is the best I’ve built.”

– PETE DYE

BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA: “I remember it like it was yesterday,” recalled Paul Griz, member at Colleton River. “My son Jonathan had just turned five and he tagged along with me to a local public course. I teed up a ball, helped with his alignment, and he smacked it down the fairway with a slight draw. That night at the dinner table, I told my wife Mary Beth, ‘I think we have a natural in the family.’”

Jonathan Griz, now 15, is currently the No.1 player in the state of South Carolina, and ranked No. 16 in the world.

“I wanted to create the best possible opportunity for Jonathan to excel, which included joining a private club, with multiple courses, whose conditioning would mirror the best tournament facilities in the country,” continued Paul. “Joining Colleton River was a dream come true on two counts: Our family enjoys the amenities at one of the most respected golf communities on the East Coast and Jonathan is able to hone his game on Nicklaus and Dye courses while grinding away at one of the finest practice ranges you’ve seen—with an awesome view of the marsh to boot!”

A BOND OF GENERATIONS

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. A multi-million dollar capital project last year included a renovation of the Nicklaus Course; expansion of



“Colleton River is reminiscent of Cypress Point.”

– JACK NICKLAUS

the practice park; a new learning center (with indoor and outdoor hitting bays); and a Bruce Borland, 6-hole, Augusta-like par-3 course.

Two years ago, the baton was passed from father to son. “Jonathan and I were on the 14th hole of the Nicklaus Course,” fondly recalled Paul. “We both striped our tee shots down the middle of the fairway. When we reached our balls, they were sitting *almost* side-by-side. We looked at each other and I remember Jonathan saying, ‘I got you dad.’”

“The Nick [Nicklaus] is where I put all my work in,” explained Jonathan. It’s a special course with teeth. When I’m on the Dye, I feel like I am playing a U.S. Open caliber layout. My mom and dad have sacrificed so much for me. They are the best parents you could ask for.”

“I’m now a full-time seat caddie,” smiled Paul. “It’s a joy to watch Jonathan’s ambitions come true.” ■

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

“My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person—he believed in me.”

– JIM VALVANO, FAMOUS BASKETBALL COACH AND BROADCASTER