

HAMPTON HALL CLUB

Imaginative Lowcountry Fun



BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA: In the United States, some characteristics, such as pride in individualism and a tendency to informality, are considered typically American. In addition, each of our country's regions has its own particular identity. Residents of the Southern states are known for their warm and welcoming attitude, commonly referred to as "Southern hospitality."

"We have such a social membership. It's fun to create a balance of competitive tournaments with those that don't require you to turn in a scorecard," expressed Brent Carlson, head golf professional at Hampton Hall Club. "During my formative years, I played golf with my dad during long summer days in the Midwest. It was pure fun and a chance to bond. Then, when I attended Ferris State University in Michigan [known nationally for their golf programming], I quickly saw the competitive nature of the sport. I understand firsthand both sides of the coin of those enjoying the hunt of the win and others who look to golf as nothing more than an outdoor opportunity to spend time with friends.

"I'm from Minnesota, and when our family relocated to South Carolina, we didn't miss a beat. The Lowcountry has the same Midwestern wholesome values and neighbors go out of their way to welcome you. Our residents are so proactive in reaching out to new members that I see my role as nothing more than a shepherd during their first couple of days at Hampton Hall," continued Carlson. "I can't think of an easier place to assimilate than the back porch of Pete's Grill. With both nines returning to the clubhouse—during the time it takes to have a good meal—you will likely bump into dozens of fellow members."

3 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT PETE DYE

- Always wore a blue shirt on Mondays
- Was deathly allergic to peanuts
- Forever generous with cash, but never bought presents

VITALITY OF LIFE

More than a decade before joining the Hampton Hall Club management team, Brent played the club's well regarded Pete Dye design. "The course had just opened," recalled Carlson. "Maybe my ego got the best of me, but I decided to tee it up on the Dye tees, playing from a stout 7,500 yards! Reciting a famous Pete phrase, 'playing conditions were DYEbolical.' I've smartened up and now play from the member tees. If you match the proper tees with your handicap, our course won't knock you down. It's fair and fun. I think Pete must have had a particularly fine day and was in a good mood when he sketched out the routing!"

Hampton Hall Club has wide ranging amenities including an expansive practice park, multiple dining options, large banquet facilities, modern fitness facilities, racquet courts (tennis and pickleball), and a resort-style pool. One unexpected amenity is an indoor heated 25-meter lap pool and luxury Jacuzzi that looks like it belongs at a Four Seasons or Ritz-Carlton.

"I think our membership is an analogy of a flowing stream. Once a new member dips their toe in the water, they are whisked away to happiness," smiled Carlson. "My job is simply to point the way." ■

For more information on membership, please visit HamptonHallClubSC.com.