

Seen Through the Eyes of a Teacher



The Dye Course features small undulating greens that are well protected by pot bunkers. "This is the best course I have ever built." — Pete Dye



BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA (just off Hilton Head Island): You likely won't find this surprising, but researchers report our attention span has markedly decreased in the past 15 years from 12 seconds to eight seconds. To many, even a 10-second web commercial seems intrusive.

"We live in what I call a microwave world," teased Jason Sutton, director of instruction at Colleton River Club and a *Golf Magazine* Top-100 Teacher. "We are bombarded by so much information at an ever-quickening pace that it's my job on the lesson tee to prevent communication overload.

"Relocating from greater Charlotte to coastal South Carolina was a no-brainer for our family. We would often take mini vacations to the barrier islands. When I accepted the position at Colleton River, it was an opportunity to live where we vacationed!" explained Sutton.

"I look at Colleton River from a slightly different perspective than most members. My evaluation is through the



eyes of a teacher. Careful assessment revealed the best-in-class training amenities. The Practice Park complex at Colleton River is the top golf amenity in the community, and unlike any facility in the region. Equally unique and comprehensive, the Practice Park's components are located in one contiguous area adjacent to the Nicklaus Course. The Nicklaus Practice Facility (with a dual-sided driving range), The Learning Center (with

technology that would wow a seasoned Silicon Valley engineer), a short game area with 225 yards of practice area designed with the Nicklaus and Dye courses in mind, and a Bruce Borland 6-hole Augusta-like par 3 course. The Colleton River Club pros use the state-of-the-art facilities to provide the finest instructional program in the region."

"After all, ball striking is important, but you need all the pieces of the puzzle to come together for improvement." ■

For more information, please visit ColletonRiverClub.com.

Colleton River 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 fitness center, a Junior Olympic swimming pool and a Stan Smith tennis complex.

Known as the "land between two rivers" and a place of abundant fishing and game, Colleton River is loved for its natural resources.

Major capital projects underway include a new fitness complex (with eight pickleball courts, four bocce courts, and six tennis courts) and reimagined dining at the Dye Clubhouse.