

BLUFFTON, SOUTH CAROLINA: In the coming years, many private clubs will be faced with golf course capital projects. Committees will grapple whether to *renovate* or *restore* original blueprints. While many use the two words interchangeably, definitions differ. *Renovate* means to refresh something old into a good state of repair, while *restore* means to return something to a former condition.



HAMPTON HALL CLUB OFFERS a practice park, large banquet facilities, 14,000 square-foot gym, racquet courts (tennis and pickleball), and a resort-style pool. One unexpected amenity is an indoor heated 25-meter lap pool.





HAMPTON HALL CLUB Where Neighbors Gather

The precision and artistry of Pete Dye with Lowcountry charm.

Fortunately, during Hampton Hall Club's *restoration* of it's Pete Dye Signature Course, the club had a "ace up its sleeve." Its golf course superintendent, Matt Sapochak, has been with the private community since opening. "Matt remembered Pete commenting on his 'final walk' of the property that he wished a fairway bunker had been placed on hole number three," said Eric Bischofberger, GM/COO at Hampton Hall. "While the course was closed for a major restoration wherein we installed new sub-surface drainage and 35 miles of piping, we paid keen attention to Pete's original blueprint. Two changes we did make however, included installing that new bunker to keep with Mr. Dye's wishes and converting our greens to TifEagle Bermuda grass [now considered the gold standard in the Lowcountry]."

TAKING OWNERSHIP

The Hampton Hall membership take its own initiatives when decorating the community for the major holidays.

> "There's no need for us to hire an outside, professional company when it comes time to dress the Christmas tree or adorn flags for Fourth of July," continued Bischofberger. "The level of ownership our members take is unlike anything I've seen at other clubs. Patriotism and volunteerism are alive and well at Hampton Hall. Don't be surprised if your wrist hurts from waving hello to fellow neighbors."

PAIRING NEWCOMERS

During new member onboarding, the membership director is careful to match new residents with existing residents that have common interests. "With so many 'clubs with a club,' it's never an issue," concluded Bischofberger. "You've heard of pairing wines to match entrees, we have the same enthusiasm to pair members with like-minded hobbies and pursuits."

For more information on membership opportunities, please visit <u>Golf.HamptonHallClubSC.com</u>.