

# An Open Invitation to Club Champions



“Sea Pines is one of the most wonderful spots. It’s one of my ‘top three’ favorite places to visit.” — ERNIE ELS

*Walk in the footsteps of golf’s greats at The Sea Pines Resort during the Executive Cup Challenge.*

**By Mark Pazdur, Tournament Director**

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA: Winning a private golf club championship is a feat that deserves to be celebrated. During the Executive Cup 2025 Challenge, champions from around the country competed for “champion of champions” titles.

Eligibility for entry includes current champions, past club champions, senior champions, and couples champions. Trophies are awarded to male and female overall low gross champions; net and gross couples club champions; and age divisional net and gross titles for men and women under 60, 60-69, 70-79, and 80 and over.

Since Executive Cup was founded 23 years ago, its original mission has focused on allowing club champions from around the country an opportunity to compete for national titles. Over the past two decades, our tournament has traveled across 7,000 miles from the shores of Maui to the beaches of Puerto Vallarta and from the lush tropics of Central Florida to the famous floating green in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

Now for the first time, we are being hosted this *spring* at the posh Sea Pines Resort on the tip of Hilton Head Island. I can’t think of a more appropriate venue. Several years



## Executive Cup 2025

Sea Pines Resort features three world-class courses: **Harbour Town Golf Links** and **Heron Point**, designed by Pete Dye; and **Atlantic Dunes**, designed by David Love III. Each golf course has a different feel. At **Harbour Town Golf Links**, it's all about ball placement and strategy. If you get "lazy," and aren't proactive in your planning, you will pay the price. **Heron Point Golf Course**, with its well-positioned directional bunkers, requires your best short game. There is a reason the course is called Heron Point. You can't help but notice the abundance of sea birds. Rounding out the trifecta of golf choices is **Atlantic Dunes**. It is the "friendliest" of the trio of courses.



"I love it here. I am fortunate to play at some pretty special places and Sea Pines is one of my top picks."

— CAMILO VILLEGAS



The RBC Heritage's original purse of \$100,000 (won by Arnold Palmer in 1969) has jumped to \$20 million (won by Scottie Scheffler in 2024). The fan base has grown, too. Each year, more than 100,000 spectators arrive from across the US and around the globe.



**Did you know?**

Hilton Head is named after the English explorer Captain William F. Hilton, who in 1663 surveyed the island while sailing from Barbados. Captain Hilton was so impressed with the beauty of the island, with its “sweet water” and “clear sweet air,” that he named it after himself!

**Sea Pines** is located on the southernmost tip of Hilton Head Island. Its 5,400 acres of mature oceanfront features The Inn & Club at Harbour Town, three golf courses, seven miles of beaches, 17 miles of bike trails, tennis facilities, two full-service marinas, and horse stables.

ago, PGA Tour professionals ranked Harbour Town second in a *Golf Digest* survey of the “Top 10 PGA Tour Courses.” You can probably guess first place—Augusta National. Its iconic lighthouse (144 steps to the top) overlooks Calibouge Sound and is recognized around the world.

The RBC Heritage takes place only a couple of weeks later. In fact, the grandstands will be under construction during Executive Cup. Course conditions will be PGA Tour-ready and the weather should be springtime beautiful with highs in the low 70s.

We will be staying at The Inn & Club at Harbour Town with only 60 rooms. The hotel’s trophy case is

stuffed with awards as a Forbes four-star destination, AAA four-diamond winner, and ranked “No. 4 Best Resort in the U.S.” by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Enjoy rooms decorated in an inviting coastal palette that complements Hilton Head Island’s charm, Frette Italian linens, butler service, access to seven restaurants, and 24-hour room service (rarities in today’s world). Best of all, you are only steps away from the first tee of the famed Harbour Town Golf Links. ■

*For information on the 2025 Executive Cup, please visit [ExecutiveGolferMagazine.com](http://ExecutiveGolferMagazine.com).* ➤

**Traveling to The Inn & Club at Harbour Town**

American Airlines offers daily service from Charlotte to Hilton Head Island Regional Airport (12 minutes away). Most will fly into Savannah (SAV), and then a one-hour drive. Another option is to fly into Charleston, then a 2½-hour drive to the hotel. Drive time from major East Coast cities: Charlotte—4 hours, Atlanta—4 ½ hours, Orlando—5 ½ hours, Washington, D.C.—8 ½ hours.

Consider adding a day or two to your trip to visit Savannah’s Bonaventure Cemetery (from the 1700s), made famous by John Berendt’s *Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil*, or Charleston’s historic City Market (one of the nation’s oldest) where you browse the work of hundreds of local artists (no trip to Charleston is complete without a sweetgrass basket souvenir).





# Executive Cup Challenge

## at The Inn & Club at Harbour Town

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina • March 16-20, 2025

*Arrive Sunday, Depart Thursday • A Four-Night, Four-Day Event*

**Sunday, March 16th:** Arrival • Optional Afternoon Horserace Shootout • Evening at Your Leisure

**Monday, March 17th:** Full breakfast • Couples Club Championship • Hot lunch • Welcome Reception and Dinner

**Tuesday, March 18th:** Full breakfast • Executive Cup Round One • Hot lunch • Evening At Your Leisure

**Wednesday, March 19th:** Full breakfast • Executive Cup Final Round • Hot lunch • Awards Reception and Dinner

**Thursday, March 20th:** Full breakfast • Departure Day

**PRICING:** Single: \$4,401\* • Double/one competitor: \$5,288\* • Double/two competitors: \$6,602\*

Local rate (no room or breakfast included): \$2,401\* • Upgrade from resort view to golf view for an additional \$87.50/night

\*Tournament package pricing includes all taxes, resort fees, tips, and parking. Airfare and ground transportation is not included.

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