

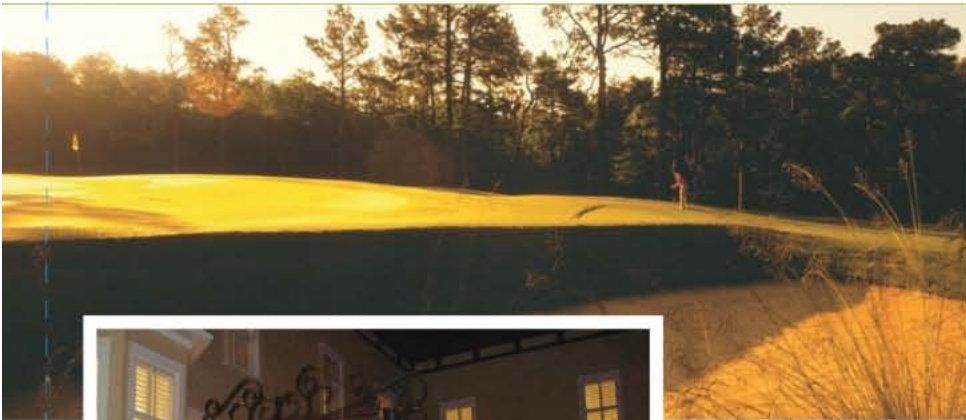
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The Conservatory Course at the  
Ginn Hammock Beach Resort will  
host a PGA TOUR event this fall.



A downtown **Southern Pines** landmark for more than a century, the Jefferson Inn is a delightful blend of history and modern amenities.

Deigned by Donald Ross in the early 1920s, **Pine Needles** was refurbished in recent years to host the 2007 U.S. Women's Open.

**D**onald Ross spent the latter stages of his life in Pinehurst where he could

give rapt attention to some of his most cherished designs. One of his favorites was **Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club**, centerpiece of a quaint and historic resort, and site of the U.S. Women's Open in 2007. In 2007, this gem was named No. 1 among America's "Top 50 Courses for Women" by Golf For Women magazine. Across the road is Mid Pines, another Ross classic. Both resorts offer terrific packages throughout the year, offering golfers the opportunity to experience these terrific courses. For more information, call **800-290-2334** or check out **pineneedles-midpines.com**.

The **Pinehurst/Southern Pines/Aberdeen** area of North Carolina is a stretch of charming towns with an unbeatable array of spring vacation options including world-class resorts, historic inns and cozy bed-and-breakfasts. All offer spring golf packages with play on 44 local courses.

Perhaps the area's best-kept secret is the Little River Golf & Resort, whose terrific Dan Maples-designed course has hosted numerous events. The nearly 7,000-yard layout flows over rolling hills, around narrow rivers and through thick forests.

The Jefferson Inn has been a landmark in

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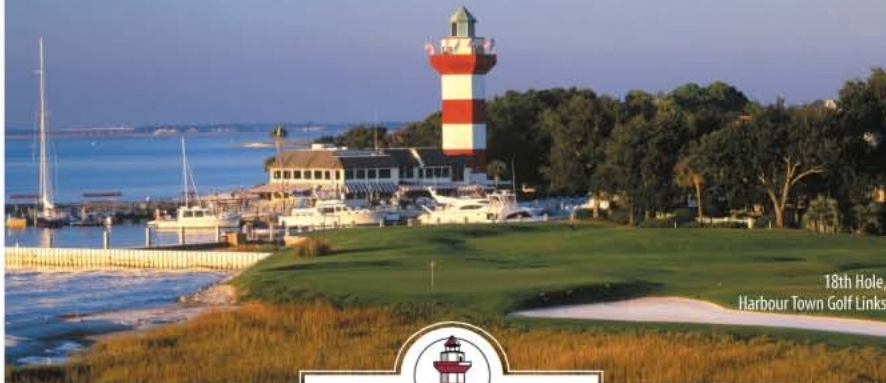
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There are now two must-play courses by Pete Dye  
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18th Hole,  
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Site of the PGA TOUR's Verizon Heritage, Harbour Town Golf Links has consistently ranked among the world's best courses. One of our two Pete Dye designed courses, it will be one of the most challenging rounds you'll ever play. But our forecaddies – the only ones on the island – will help make it the most rewarding. Of course, the legend's newest modern masterpiece here, Heron Point by Pete Dye, will challenge you for another memorable 18 holes. Add our classic Ocean Course to the mix and you've got a third, awe-inspiring approach to the game, creating a variety of golf package options – available only at The Sea Pines Resort.

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The three courses at **The Sea Pines Resort** combine strategic risk/reward challenges with breathtaking natural beauty.

downtown Southern Pines for more than 100 years. A recent multimillion dollar restoration transformed the inn into the area's only boutique hotel, creating an environment in which guests could experience the history of Southern Pines, while basking in comfort and service. The Inn offers custom packages that can include golf, tennis, spa visits, fine dining and more. For a calendar of Pinehurst area events and package specials, call **800-346-5362** or visit [homeofgolf.com](http://homeofgolf.com).

Every spring the PGA TOUR's Verizon Heritage showcases the challenges and endless beauty of **The Sea Pines Resort**. The much honored Harbour Town Golf Links, is ranked No.15 on Golf Digest's America's 100 Greatest Public Golf Courses List and is the kingpin of the resort's three offerings. Creating plenty of recent buzz was the opening of Heron Point, Pete Dye's newest masterpiece. For more information or to book a memorable getaway, visit [seapines.com](http://seapines.com) or call **800-SEAPINES (732-7463)**.

In a state blessed with more than its share of top golf resorts, **Wild Dunes Resort** has long stood tall among South Carolina's finest thanks to its pair of Tom Fazio courses. Just minutes from Charleston in Isle of Palms, the resort hugs the ocean and offers an array of luxury accommodations, including the brand new Village at



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**Amelia Island Plantation**, one of the nation's top golf resorts, continues its dedication to offering terrific golf to players of all skill levels, age and gender. The resort's courses—Oak Marsh and Ocean Links (on-property), Amelia River Golf Club (near-property) and its member club, Long Point—provide a true golfer's challenge, coupled with vistas of the Atlantic Ocean, Intracoastal Waterway and green-grass marshes that embrace and define Amelia Island. For reservations or more information, call **866-703-8452** or visit [aipfl.com](http://aipfl.com).

The award-winning **Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club**, home to four championship golf courses on Florida's Gulf Coast outside Tampa, is getting even better thanks to new owner Sheila Johnson. More than \$20 million in additions and renovations are set to be completed in 2008.

Included in the resort's upgrades is the \$1.7 million extreme makeover of the Island Course, which reopened in November. The Island, which was rated 4½ out of 5 stars in Golf Digest's *Best Places to Play, 2006-2007* prior to the renovation, might have supplanted the legendary Copperhead—also rated 4½ stars and host of the PGA TOUR's annual PODS Championship—as the crown jewel of the resort's four stunning layouts.

For information about Innisbrook's all-inclusive Preferred Golf Package, call **800-456-2000** or visit [innisbrookgolfresort.com](http://innisbrookgolfresort.com).

**PGA National Resort & Spa** is being transformed, under new management, into Florida's premier contemporary golf destination. A multimillion-dollar, resort-wide renovation is under way.

The already-completed first stage featured a renovation of the Arnold Palmer-designed



The two courses at **Wild Dunes Resort** just north of Charleston are among the best ever created by Tom Fazio.



Several holes at **Amelia Island Plantation** hug the Atlantic Ocean dunes and are often affected by the ocean breezes.

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Water and sand play key roles on the spectacular, totally renovated Island Course at Florida's **Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club**.



General Course and the second renovation of the Champion Course, a Jack Nicklaus creation that's home of the PGA TOUR's annual Honda Classic.

The first stage also included renovation of the resort's public areas; feature restaurant, Ironwood Grille; a complete transformation of the private members' clubhouse; a new lobby bar called iBar; and a redesigned free-form pool with lush landscaping, water features, private cabanas, dedicated children's pool and play area, and new poolside Wave Bar & Grill. Now it's time to come take a look. For reservations call **877-PGA-NATL (742-6285)** or go to **pgaresort.com**.

The PGA TOUR selects courses for its events with fastidious care, so the fact that it chose the new Conservatory at **Ginn Hammock Beach Resort** in Palm Coast, Fla., to host this fall's

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**PGA National Resort**  
is very user friendly  
despite the presence  
of water on many holes.

Ginn sur Mer Classic speaks volumes about both the golf course and the surrounding resort.

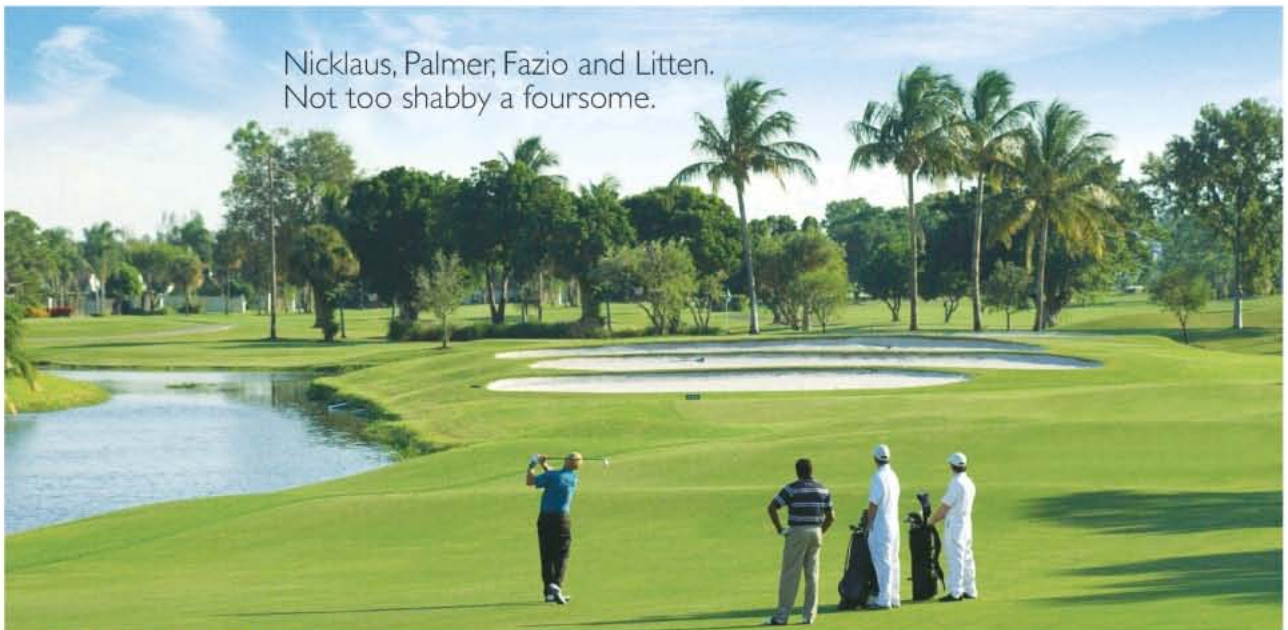
If that wasn't enough, the resort's Ocean Course—a Jack Nicklaus design—is the site of the Champions Tour's Ginn Championship. With a half-dozen holes fronting the Atlantic Ocean,

the course has been a favorite among players and surveys alike for years. Coming soon will be a third course—The Gardens. This Fred Couples creation will also be sure to offer the finest golf experience in splendid surroundings.

Resort lodging options include spacious one-, three-, and four-bedroom ocean-view

suites; two- and three-bedroom villas and a 20-room lodge, all just steps from the surf. In addition to restaurants, pools and a fitness center, the resort offers programs and child-care for kids to keep them entertained while mom and dad are playing golf. For more information, call **888-246-5500** or check out **hammockbeach.com**. ■

Nicklaus, Palmer, Fazio and Litten.  
Not too shabby a foursome.



They're the Fab Four of golf course design, and they have created five challenging championship courses in South Florida. Even the pros have had their hands full here, in tournaments that include the PGA Championship, Ryder Cup and Honda Classic. At PGA National Resort & Spa you can walk in the footsteps of legends, test your game and then enjoy all the amenities of our world-class resort. Not too shabby, huh? **877-PGA-NATL • www.pgaresort.com**



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\*Plus service charge & some taxes. Rate based on double occupancy in an ocean front. Lodge room or quad occupancy in a three bedroom ocean view suite. Two-night minimum length of stay. Lower rates available in alternative lodging units. Subject to availability. Valid through 12/24/08.  
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