



THE OCEAN COURSE – PETE DYE

Designed by Pete Dye, The Ocean Course opened just months before hosting the 1991 Ryder Cup, The Ocean Course gained almost instant notoriety and acclaim as the site of the dramatic “War by the Shore,” with the United States posting a one point victory.

The Ocean Course subsequently hosted the 1997 World Cup, 2001 UBS Warburg Cup, The World Cup again in 2003, the 2007 Senior PGA Championship and the 2012 PGA Championship, where Rory McIlroy captured his second major with a commanding performance over the field. In 2021, The Ocean Course once again serves as the host site of The PGA Championship.

The Ocean Course is a 7,849-yard, par-72 course scattered among a ribbon of sand dunes, stretching nearly three miles along the Atlantic Ocean. It is reminiscent of the great seaside links of England and Scotland. Yardages can vary as much as the wind that constantly sweeps across the links.

TURTLE POINT – JACK NICKLAUS

On January 4, 2016, Turtle Point Golf Course closed for a nine month renovation, under the consultation of Jack Nicklaus. Renovations included rebuilding all 18 greens and expanding fairway sizes from 20 to 34 acres. The course was re-grassed, using Paspalum, the salt-tolerant strain of grass first attempted on The Ocean Course and now surfacing all five courses. The goal was to both improve the conditioning of the course and make the experience more enjoyable to guests.

OSPREY POINT – TOM FAZIO

The Osprey Point Golf Course underwent a summer long renovation in 2014 under the direction of course architect Tom Fazio. Using what was learned at The Ocean Course, Osprey Point’s greens, tees and fairways were converted to Paspalum. Additionally, all bunkers were rebuilt. According to Director of Golf, Brian Gerard, Osprey Point has always offered both great scenery and a challenging test of golf. “These changes greatly enhance both the aesthetics as well as the playing conditions of the golf course.”

COUGAR POINT – GARY PLAYER

Kiawah Island Golf Resort closed the Gary Player-designed Cougar Point Golf Course November 28, 2016 for a 10-month-long renovation managed by Gary Player Design Company. Renovations included re-grassing the greens, tees, and fairways with Paspalum; restoring all greens to their original sizes; laser leveling all tee boxes, including the practice range; rebuilding all bunkers; updating irrigation throughout the golf course; and rebuilding existing bulkheads. On the heels of the renovations, Cougar Point received a stunning new clubhouse overlooking the 18th hole and driving range.

OAK POINT – CLYDE JOHNSTON

Oak Point has received tremendous praise after a 2015 renovation. Much like Osprey Point, the tees, fairways and greens were re-grassed with Paspalum Platinum, the greens were re designed back to their original sizes and shapes, and the bunkers were re done. Tucked away in the center of a residential neighborhood, just outside of the Kiawah main gate, this Clyde Johnston jewel, most frequently called a Scottish-American style course, is par 72. It is challenging to the novice golfer and the experienced professional, while providing a fair test. Bordering the historic Haulover Creek and the Kiawah River, Oak Point was built on old indigo and cotton fields. Finishing along the panoramic Kiawah River, golfers delighted at another example of quality golf.