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With a career-best three PGA Tour victories in 2010, including a triumph at the Heritage, Jim Furyk proved he keeps getting ...

BETTER WITH AGE



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In Search Of...



The quest to find a title sponsor for Hilton Head Island's PGA Tour event continues.

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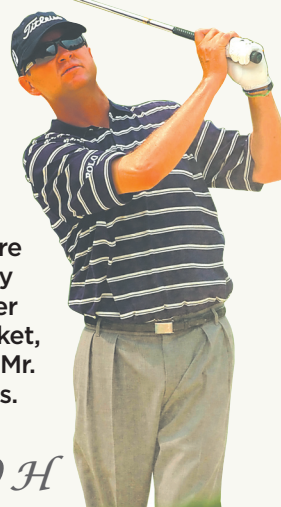
Course Guide

A hole-by-hole tour of Pete Dye's famous Harbour Town Golf Links layout.

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Great Eight

Eight former Heritage champs are back to try for another tartan jacket, including Mr. Five Times.



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Home for the Heritage

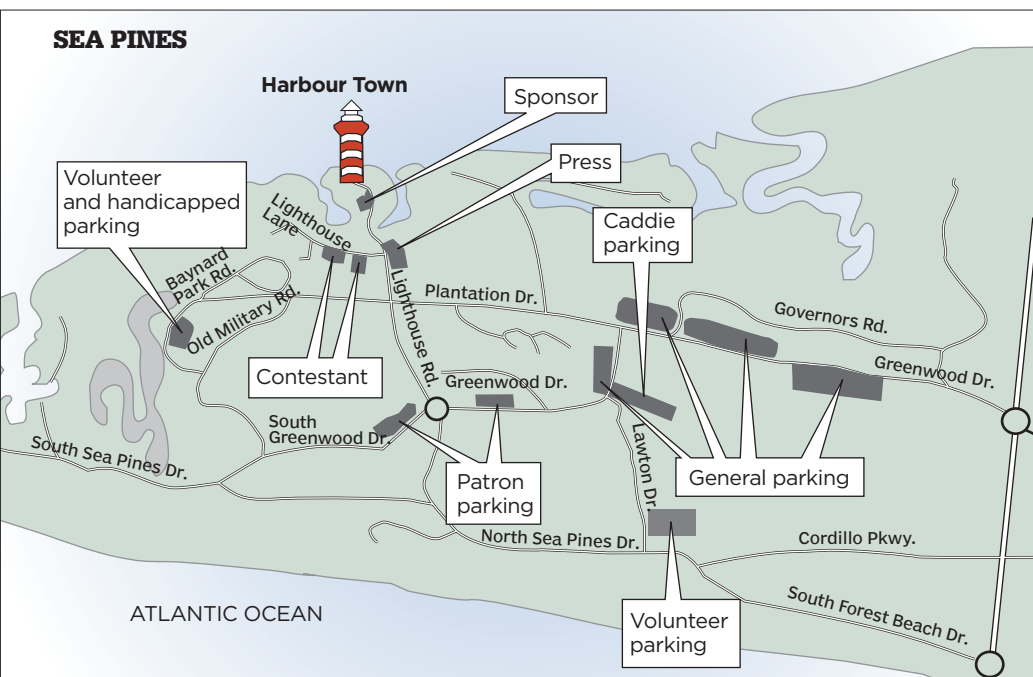


When exemptions were handed out for this year's tournament, there was a decidedly local feel.

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HERITAGE 2011

Your guide to the 43rd Heritage golf tournament

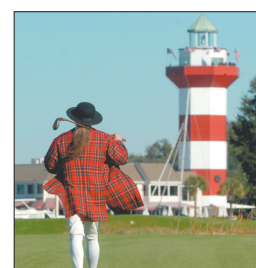


BETTER WITH AGE

In his 18th season on the PGA Tour, some might consider Jim Furyk to be in the twilight of his career, but the defending Heritage champion keeps getting better with age, and he says he hasn't peaked yet. **4H**

PALMETTO PRIDE

A number of golfers have put South Carolina on the map in recent years, and most of them are in this year's Heritage field. Get to know the players with Palmetto State ties who are gunning for tartan. **7H**



HOST (COURSE) WITH THE MOST

Harbour Town Golf Links has a rich history and has consistently been rated one of the best courses in South Carolina. Before you head to the course, get to know more about the Pete Dye layout. **11H**

10 WHO CAN WIN

Who will don tartan in 2011? See sports editor Justin Jarrett's best guess at this year's contenders to find out which players you should look for at the top of the leaderboard on Sunday. **13H**



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PARKING

As you reach Hilton Head Island on U.S. 278, take the Cross Island Parkway to Sea Pines Resort (a \$1.25 toll is required), or continue down William Hilton Parkway. Traffic will flow through the main gate of Sea Pines Resort on the south end of the island. Once inside the main gate, security personnel will direct you to the first available parking lot. Those with color-coded and numbered parking passes should follow the directional signs to their lot. Please note the lot number so you can take the appropriate shuttle back at the conclusion of play. Buses taking spectators back from the tournament site to the parking lots will stop running one hour after play.

HANDICAP PARKING

Handicap parking passes will be issued by Sea Pines Security on Greenwood Drive in the Community Services Associates building, one mile inside the main gate. To reach the security office, call 671-7170.

MOBILE DEVICES

Mobile devices must be in silent mode. Calls are permitted only in designated areas, no video recording is permitted at any time, and no photography is permitted during official competition rounds.

GATE HOURS

The ticket office next to the clubhouse at Harbour Town Golf Links will be open from 7 a.m. through the end of play each day.

WILL CALL

Will call is designed for last-minute sales, pick-up and redistribution of tournament badges, which can be dropped off at the ticket office adjacent to the clubhouse or at will call in the Sea Pines Welcome Center parking lot on Greenwood Drive. A photo ID will be required to receive tickets. Will call will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday through Saturday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

AUTOGRAPHS

A player may not sign autographs after the start of his round and until the round has been completed. Designated autograph areas are located behind the 9th and 18th holes. Their use is optional to players.

CONCESSION STANDS

They are located near the second green, the eighth green, the 10th fairway, the 13th green, the 15th green, the 17th green and the 18th green. Concessions also are available at the Heritage Pavilion near the clubhouse.



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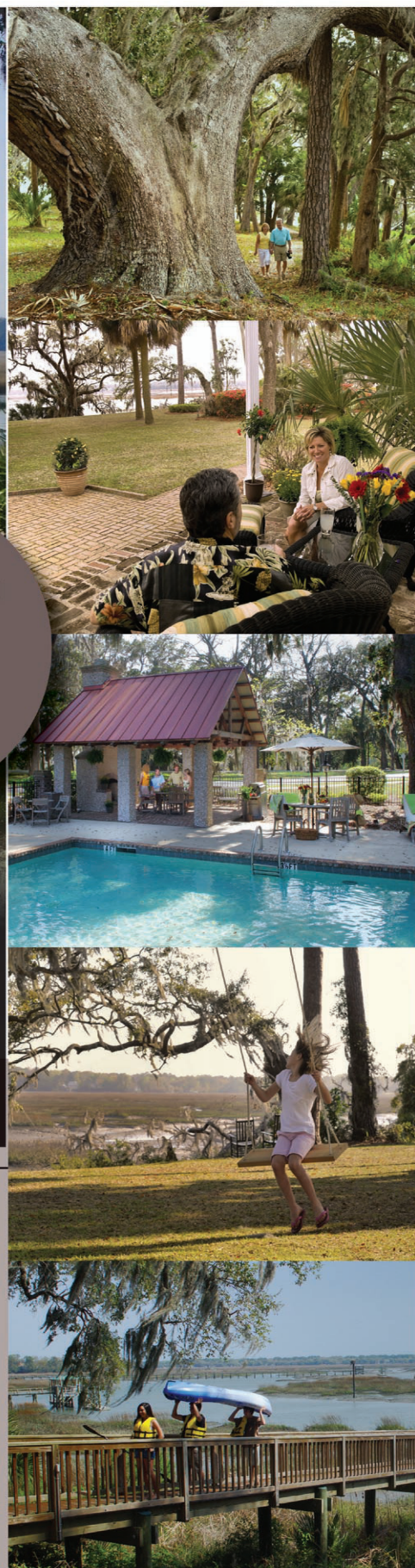
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7 CASSINA LANE \$799,000
Located just steps to the ocean, this unique corner 2nd row ocean view home has a main house with 4 bedrooms, kitchen, dining and living area, separate guest cottage with 2 bedrooms and a living/dining area. Private, heated pool.
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1 STUART PLACE \$799,000 PORT ROYAL PLANTATION
2nd row location, enjoy sights & sounds of the ocean & Port Royal Sound. Great open floorplan - master BR & den (4th BR) on main floor, 2 BR's + loft on 2nd floor. Corner homesite, cul-de-sac location. New roof, new HVAC.
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24 MCINTOSH ROAD \$725,000
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9 OYSTER LANDING ROAD \$599,900
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3 JUNIPER LANE \$599,000
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43 SPARTINA CRESCENT \$385,000 ESTATE SALE. Tidal marsh to deep water views of Colleton River from most rooms of this 3BR/2.5BA home on the Estate side of Rose Hill. Custom design with cathedral ceilings, hardwood floors in living & dining area. Deck runs length of the rear of home. Gorgeous live oaks throughout property.
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6 MYRTLE LANE \$374,999
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5 ORDINANCE PLACE \$339,000
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45 CROSSINGS BOULEVARD \$299,999 PINECREST
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The Heritage

ONGOING ENCORE

Several years after being asked whether his most productive days on the PGA Tour were behind him, Jim Furyk is better than ever



FILE • The Associated Press

With a career-best three PGA Tour wins in 2010, including his first Heritage victory, Jim Furyk put together the best of his 18 seasons on the tour, winning the FedExCup and earning PGA Tour player of the year honors.

By **JUSTIN JARRETT**

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It's been a while now, just long enough that Jim Furyk can't remember the exact year — 2006, maybe? — since a national golf writer approached Furyk with a roundabout question.

You're not very long off the tee, he said, as if Furyk needed to be reminded he hasn't ranked among the top 130 on the PGA Tour in driving distance since 1998. These young guys are bombing the ball, and the courses keep getting longer and longer.

The writer hedged. Your results are still good, he said.

But ...

Do you think the game is passing you by?

"I didn't take offense, but it caught me off-guard," Furyk recalls. "I said, 'No, I'm going to continue to get better and continue to get longer, just like they are.'"

By the end of the 2006 season, Furyk had climbed to No. 2 in the Official World Golf Ranking, a position he held for nearly a year. That beat writer, whom Furyk considers a friend, came back with what Furyk considered an unnecessary apology.

"I wasn't upset by it," Furyk said. "But I kind of feel the same way now."

While the golf world waits for the next generation to take over the PGA Tour, Furyk keeps getting better with age, a point he proved with a career-best three victories in 2010 — including his first Heritage title — the FedExCup crown and PGA Tour Player of the Year honors.

Not bad for a guy who should have been worried about the game passing him by half a decade ago.

And he thinks the best is yet to

come.

"I still believe I can get better."

ORDINARY JIM

His distance off the tee isn't the only thing setting Jim Furyk apart from the new generation of star golfers. Guys like Rickie Fowler, Rory McIlroy and Anthony Kim are known as much for their fashion and flair as much as their play.

But that's not Furyk.

He never has been the most marketable of PGA Tour stars, a family man who keeps his emotions in check on the course and doesn't speak out of turn. About the closest he has come to controversy is by becoming one of the world's best golfers with an unorthodox, swing analyst David Feherty once likened to "an octopus falling out of a tree," unless you count his disqualification from the Barclays last fall when he overslept and missed his pro-am tee time.

And that's OK with Furyk.

"I just want to be the person I am," he said. "I'm relatively conservative and pretty quiet on the golf course. You don't see me jumping around and pumping a lot of fists, but that's what serves me the best."

It has served him to the tune of 16 PGA Tour victories and more than \$48 million in career earnings, statistics that have, at the very least, started the debate about whether he's worthy of a spot in the World Golf Hall of Fame.

One of the constants throughout that impressive career has been family. Furyk's father, Mike, is the only swing coach he has ever had, and the time that arrangement afforded him with his father has inspired him to find ways to spend quality time with his own children.

His family was front and center for

the finest achievement of his career — his 2003 U.S. Open victory at Olympia Fields. It was Father's Day — his first since the birth of he and wife Tabitha's first child, Caleigh. A second child, a son named Tanner, was on the way — "He's still a little bummed he's not in those pictures," Furyk said — and his parents were present, too.

At that moment, perhaps more than any other, Furyk realized how big of a role his family had played in his success.

"That's when it really hit home," he said.

BETTER WITH AGE

Even with four PGA Tour victories and more than \$7 million in earnings before he turned 30, Furyk was rarely considered among the best young players on tour early in his career. Even when he ascended to No. 2 in the world, Furyk was a distant afterthought to top-ranked Tiger Woods and even Phil Mickelson.

But consistency was always his calling card. He won at least one PGA Tour event in 11 of 13 seasons from 1995 to 2007, and even in 2008 and 2009, when he was enduring a long drought without a victory, Furyk finished in the top five in the FedExCup standings and the top 12 on the money list.

Then came 2010, the year near-misses turned to wins and Furyk enjoyed the best year of his career — in his 17th full season on the PGA Tour.

"A lot of it was timing," Furyk said. "I didn't have a lot more opportunities to win last year than I did in '09. The timing was right. I ended up hitting the right shots at the right time or making the key putts.... It seemed like everything fell into place, and that's

Please see FURYK on 10H

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34 Muirfield Drive - Eagles Pointe



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4 Daniels Island Court - Island West



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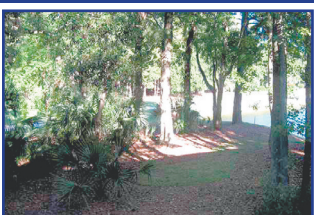


High end luxury priced like a foreclosure. On HH Island... New in 2010 ...3 bed, 2.5 bath, granite, stainless, fireplace, cherry floors, 2 car gar, 2nd row deep water. See at www.hiltonhead360.com/mls/307126

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Inland Harbour - Sea Pines



Beautiful golf view (Heron Pointe) w/ the side view of lovely lagoon. Villa is spacious w/ views of golf course from every room. Lovely, classy decor that is furnished to the nines and ready to put on the rental market NOW! Pool is perhaps the best in Sea Pines. Fabulous location that offers an 8 minute bike ride to the Sea Pines Beach Club, and across the street from the Truffles shopping center. 2 tennis courts. Half a mile walk to Harbour Town.

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3 Litchfield Court - Berkeley Hall



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7169 Harbourside Villas - Shelter Cove



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309 Windsor - Palmetto Dunes

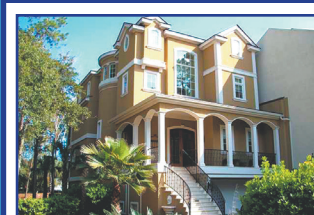


Direct oceanfront views from this beautifully furnished 3 Br/3 Ba villa located in Palmetto Dunes resort overlooking white sandy beaches. Over 1,800 SF, well maintained & in immaculate condition. Crown moldings, carpet & tiled floors. Ocean balcony views from living room, Master br & 2nd guest room. Complete exterior makeover of Windsor Place completed. Two fabulous oceanfront pools w/ Jacuzzi Spa sun deck & private under garage parking.

\$1,296,000
Jim Keillor - 843-441-0295



9 Wexford on the Green - Wexford

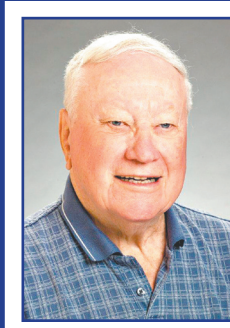


Decorator appointed 2 year "new" townhouse overlooking Harbour. Fabulous Gourmet Chef's kitchen with Top-of-the-line appliances & huge center island. Beautiful custom stone flooring - TRULY A SHOWPLACE! Penthouse style Master Bedroom Suite with fabulous view. Home offers plenty of storage and a variety of outdoor living/entertaining areas, spectacular views & great location in premium golf & waterfront community. Can't be duplicated at this price!!!

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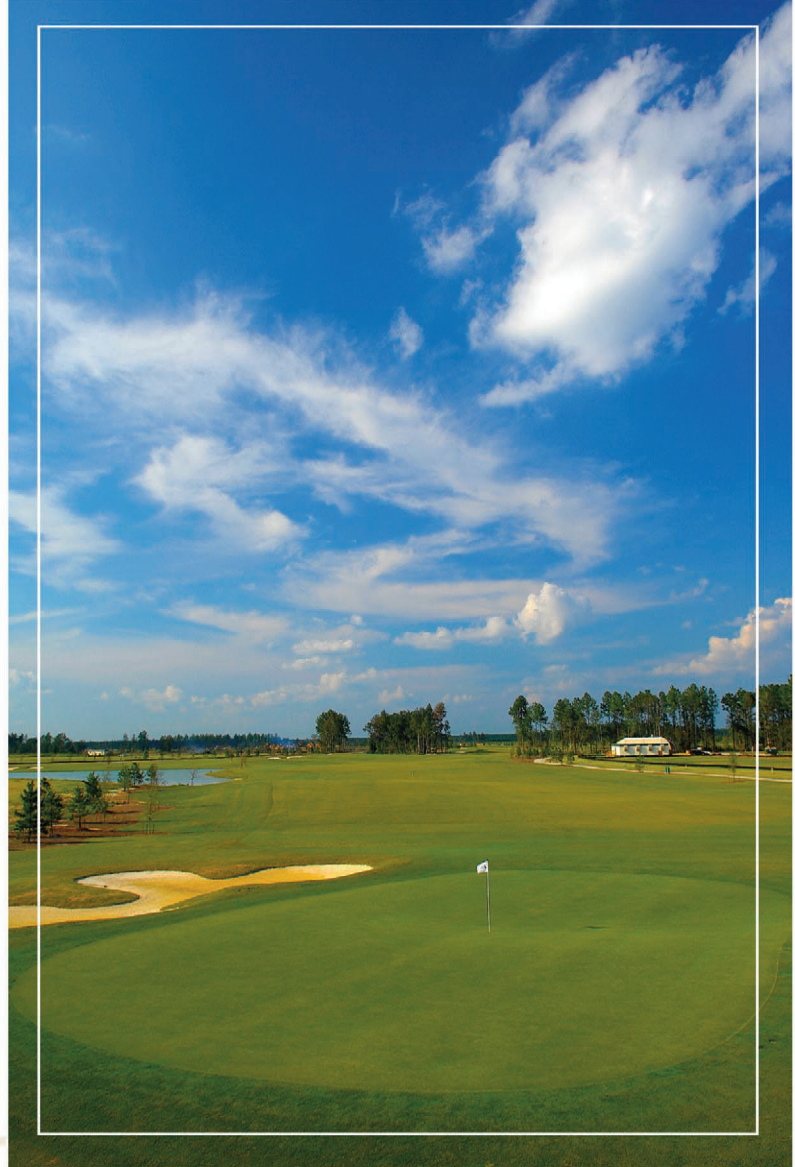
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TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

TODAY: First round, Harbour Town Golf Links, all day
FRIDAY: Second round, Harbour Town Golf Links, all day
SATURDAY: Third round, Harbour Town Golf Links, all day; Tartan Day judging in the tent by the clubhouse. Fans are encouraged to wear their best Heritage garb, noon-2 p.m.
SUNDAY: Church service at 18th green, 7:30 a.m.; final round, Harbour Town Golf Links, 8:30 a.m.; closing ceremonies at 18th green, after play

TOURNAMENT AT A GLANCE

What: 43rd annual Heritage
When: Today through Sunday
Where: Harbour Town Golf Links, Sea Pines Resort, Hilton Head Island
Par: 36-35-71
Yardage: 3,495-3,478-6,973
Format: 72 holes, stroke play
Course designer: Pete Dye with Jack Nicklaus
Course features: Narrow, tight fairways; abundant water and sand hazards; small greens; winds through pines, palms and oak forests; fronts on Calibouge South with view of the marsh and Harbour Town Yacht Basin.
Defending champion: Jim Furyk
Past champions: Arnold Palmer, Bob Goalby, Hale Irwin, Johnny Miller, Jack Nicklaus, Hubert Green, Graham Marsh, Tom Watson, Doug Tewell, Bill Rogers, Fuzzy Zoeller, Nick Faldo, Bernhard Langer, Davis Love III, Greg Norman, Payne Stewart, David Edwards, Bob Tway, Loren Roberts, Nick Price, Glen Day, Stewart Cink,

Jose Coceres, Justin Leonard, Peter Lonard, Aaron Baddeley, Boo Weekley, Brian Gay.
Total prize money: \$5,700,000.
Winner's share: \$1,026,000.
Playoff: If necessary, a sudden-death playoff will be conducted, starting at the 18th hole.
Field: 132 invited players who qualify in at least one of the 22 categories of eligibility.
Title sponsor: None
Tournament director: Steve Wilmot
Director of golf: John Farrell
Course superintendent: Jon Wright
Consultant: Gary Snyder
Live TV: The Golf Channel — Thursday: 3-6 p.m.; Friday: 3-6 p.m.; CBS — Saturday: 3-6 p.m.; Sunday: 3-6 p.m.
Replay: The Golf Channel — Thursday: 8:30-11:30 p.m.; Friday: 8:30-11:30 p.m.; Saturday: 9:30-11:30 p.m.; Sunday: 9:30-11:30 p.m.

TOURNAMENT RECORDS

BEST 9-HOLE SCORES
Front: 28: Craig Barlow ('03)
Back: 29: Steve Flesch ('01), Chris Perry ('00); Brad Faxon ('97), Jeff Maggert ('06)
BEST 18-HOLE SCORE (ANY ROUND)
 61: David Frost ('94) (second)
BEST 36-HOLE SCORES
 129: Jack Nicklaus ('75); Phil Mickelson ('02)
BEST 54-HOLE SCORES
 197: Justin Leonard ('02)
BEST 72-HOLE SCORES
 264: Brian Gay ('09)
HIGHEST SCORE BY A WINNER
 283: Arnold Palmer ('69)
BIGGEST 36-HOLE LEAD
 6: Darren Clarke ('05); Jack Nicklaus ('75); Johnny

Miller ('74)
BIGGEST 54-HOLE LEAD
 8: Tom Watson ('79)
LARGEST MARGIN OF VICTORY
 10: Brian Gay ('09)
LOWEST ROUNDS
First: 62, Davis Love III ('02); Peter Lonard ('05)
Second: 61, David Frost ('94)
Third: 62, Gil Morgan ('95)
Fourth: 62, Loren Roberts ('94)
MOST CUTS MADE
 24: Hale Irwin
MOST CONSECUTIVE CUTS MADE
 15: Chip Beck, Peter Jacobsen
MOST YEARS PLAYED
 30: Jay Haas



Staff illustration, The Island Packet

Search for title sponsor continues

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Midway through 2009, organizers of Hilton Head Island's marquee sporting event said they had no reason to suspect Verizon would end the third-longest ongoing relationship between a PGA Tour event and a title sponsor.

A few months later, that had changed. Verizon's decision not to return as title sponsor of the Heritage golf tournament after 2010 severed a connection the company and its corporate predecessors — MCI and WorldCom — had maintained since 1987.

The decision also dealt a blow to the community, which relies on the tournament as a major marketing tool and contributor to charities.

The tournament has an estimated impact of more than \$80 million, according to studies commissioned by organizers,

and it has contributed more than \$20 million to charity since the Heritage Classic Foundation took over its operation in 1987.

Heritage organizers' search for a new sponsor has continued for more than a year and a half, and the tournament's fate remained uncertain at press time.

The foundation secured a spot on the tour's schedule this year without a title sponsor by pledging all \$4 million of its reserves and securing \$1 million commitments from both Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head.

PGA Tour officials have said, however, it's imperative for the tournament to find a title sponsor to secure its long-term future.

Gov. Nikki Haley has pledged her help and told two members of her cabinet to help find a private sponsor, but she has repeatedly opposed using taxpayers' money to "front the costs of a golf tournament."

That hasn't stopped several people from suggesting ways to sustain the tournament.

Among elected officials' proposals: Beaufort County Councilman Stu Rodman has proposed using \$30 million in state, local and private money if necessary to convince the tour to keep the tournament on Hilton Head for five years.

S.C. Rep. Bill Herbkersman, R-Bluffton, has proposed the state use \$3 million in accommodations taxes a year to help sponsor the tournament until a new sponsor or sponsors can be found.

Private efforts also are afoot to aid the Heritage. To support the tournament and help pique the interest of potential corporate sponsors, a group of volunteers called the Sponsor Partnership Club raised about \$120,000 last year and about \$140,000 this year for the Heritage from residents and businesses.



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The Heritage

PALMETTO ROOTS

Golfers from South Carolina have enjoyed great success in recent years

From staff reports

As the only annual PGA Tour event in South Carolina, it's common for golfers from the Palmetto State to refer to the Heritage as a "home game." But competition for the home-course advantage keeps getting stiffer.

Golfers from South Carolina had another strong year on the PGA Tour in 2010, and 2011 got off to a roaring start when Anderson native and former Clemson star Jonathan Byrd notched his fifth PGA Tour victory at the season-opening Hyundai Tournament of Champions in Hawaii.

But 2011 still has a long way to go to live up to the success Palmetto State golfers enjoyed last year. Greenville native Bill Haas gave the state its first win in 2010, claiming his first PGA Tour victory at the Bob Hope Classic in January, and he added another victory at the Viking Classic in Mississippi during the fall series.

After a close call at the U.S. Open, Columbia native and former Coastal Carolina star Dustin Johnson won the BMW Championship during the FedExCup playoffs in September to add to his February victory at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Duncan resident Matt Bettencourt also added to the Palmetto State's profile with his first PGA Tour victory at the Reno-Tahoe Open in August, and the state notched two more titles during the fall series, with Haas' second victory and Byrd making history with a "walk-off" hole-in-one to win a playoff over Martin Laird and Cameron Percy at the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in Las Vegas.

"The whole state is pretty big into golf," Haas said last year. "I'm proud to tell everyone how many players are from here."

The state's golf roots run deep, all the way down to the S.C. Junior Golf Association, which proved to be a training ground for players such as 2009 U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover, Haas, Byrd, Johnson and D.J. Trahan, all of whom have PGA Tour victories to their credit.

"For me, that's where it all started," Haas said in a conference call after his win at the Bob Hope Classic in 2010. "I think you can give a lot of credit to S.C. junior golf. They run their tournaments

"The whole state is pretty big into golf. I'm proud to tell everyone how many players are from here."

Bill Haas, three-time PGA Tour winner

right, make it competitive while it's fun. When you win the state junior, it's a big deal and not just another notch on your belt."

Growing up in Greenville, Haas didn't start playing national events until his senior year in high school, but he faced plenty of stiff competition before then, recalling that Glover was "the guy to beat" in state events.

Among the South Carolina natives who are full-time PGA Tour players, Johnson is the only one who is not in this week's field.

The rest are trying to become the first South Carolina native to win a "home game" at Harbour Town.

MARK ANDERSON

Turned pro: 2009
PGA Tour wins: 0
Best Heritage finish: T-81st (2010)
Palmetto roots: Beaufort resident, played at Univ. of South Carolina



CHRIS EPPERSON

Turned pro: 2006
PGA Tour wins: 0
Best Heritage finish: First Heritage
Palmetto roots: Hilton Head Island resident



KYLE STANLEY

Turned pro: 2009
PGA Tour wins: 0
Best Heritage finish: First Heritage
Palmetto roots: Hilton Head Island resident, played at Clemson



MATT BETTENCOURT

Turned pro: 2002
PGA Tour wins: 1
Best Heritage finish: 72nd (2010)
Palmetto roots: Duncan resident



JONATHAN BYRD

Turned pro: 2000
PGA Tour wins: 5
Best Heritage finish: T16 (2004)
Palmetto roots: Former Anderson resident, played at Clemson



TOMMY GAINEY

Turned pro: 1998
PGA Tour wins: 0
Best Heritage finish: T-58th (2009)
Palmetto roots: Bishopville native



LUCAS GLOVER

Turned pro: 2001
PGA Tour wins: 2
Best Heritage finish: T7 (2008)
Palmetto roots: Greenville native/resident, played at Clemson



BILL HAAS

Turned pro: 2004
PGA Tour wins: 2
Best Heritage finish: T27 (2006)
Palmetto roots: Greenville native/resident



KEVIN KISNER

Turned pro: 2006
PGA Tour wins: 0
Best Heritage finish: First Heritage
Palmetto roots: Aiken native



BEN MARTIN

Turned pro: 2010
PGA Tour wins: 0
Best Heritage finish: First Heritage
Palmetto roots: Greenwood native, played at Clemson



WILLIAM MCGIRT

Turned pro: 2004
PGA Tour wins: 0
Best Heritage finish: First Heritage
Palmetto roots: Boiling Springs resident, played at Wofford



SAM SAUNDERS

Turned pro: 2009
PGA Tour wins: 0
Best Heritage finish: First Heritage
Palmetto roots: Played at Clemson



D.J. TRAHAN

Turned pro: 2003
PGA Tour wins: 2
Best Heritage finish: T17 (2008)
Palmetto roots: Mount Pleasant resident, played at Clemson



CHARLES WARREN

Turned pro: 1998
PGA Tour wins: 0
Best Heritage finish: T44 (2007)
Palmetto roots: Columbia native, played at Clemson



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HARBOUR TOWN GOLF LINKS

FRONT NINE

Hole No. 1
Yardage: 410
Par: 4
Handicap: 13
Key: Drive it straight. Easy starting hole can be made difficult by clipping a branch along the narrow chute from the tee box.



Hole No. 2
Yardage: 502
Par: 5
Handicap: 9
Key: Stay left off the tee box. There's no hope of reaching an otherwise accessible green in two shots from the right side of the fairway because a tree hidden from view from the tee box can come into play.



Hole No. 3
Yardage: 437
Par: 4
Handicap: 15
Key: Drive to the middle of the fairway makes for a straightforward approach to a green guarded on the left by a bunker and on the right by a large tree.



Hole No. 4
Yardage: 200
Par: 3
Handicap: 11
Key: Classic risk-reward hole, particularly when the pin is cut on the front left of the green. Go for that pin only at your own peril. There's plenty of ball out available to the right.



Hole No. 5
Yardage: 530
Par: 5
Handicap: 3
Key: If you want to hit the green in two, you've got to keep it left but avoid a fairway bunker that swallows wayward drives. The green is well-guarded and cants to the right.



Hole No. 6
Yardage: 419
Par: 4
Handicap: 5
Key: Carry the fairway bunker to the right for the best angle to an open green. Big hitters can play more safely to the left. The green tilts heavily from back to front.



Hole No. 7
Yardage: 195
Par: 3
Handicap: 17
Key: Sand surrounds this hole, but the real key is avoiding tree branches that will deflect wayward shots. Lots of tee boxes give officials plenty of options, but the far right box has been all but abandoned during recent Heritage play.



Hole No. 8
Yardage: 470
Par: 4
Handicap: 1
Key: The most difficult hole on the course also usually ranks as one of the most difficult on the PGA Tour. You must hit it long and right off the tee to have an approach unmolested by trees, bunkers and lagoons on the approach shot.



Hole No. 9
Yardage: 322
Par: 4
Handicap: 7
Key: Position your drive on this short hole to the side of the fairway opposite the side of the green to which the pin is cut. The approach requires precision to avoid a bunker in front and a pot bunker in the rear.



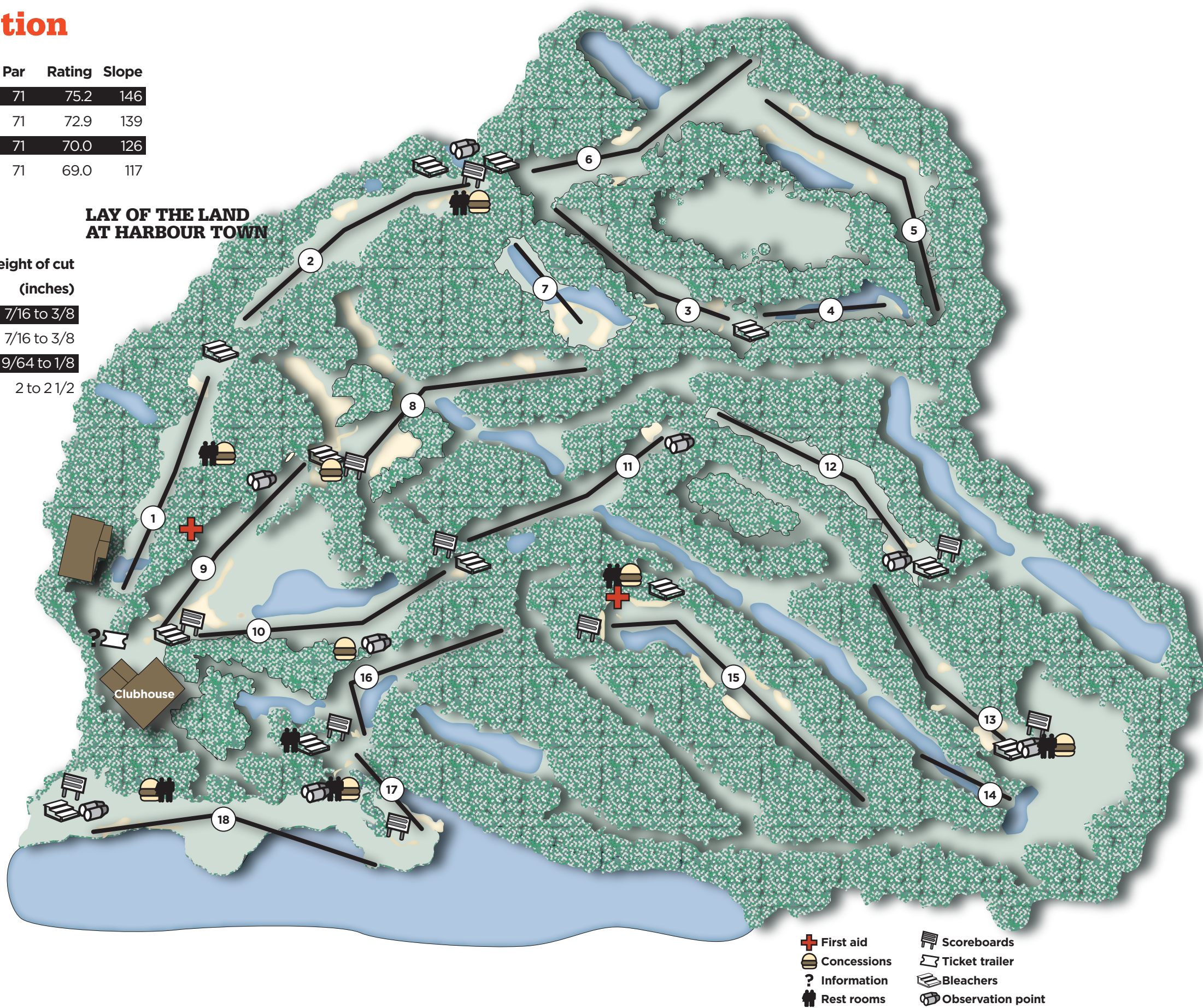
Tee information

Tee	Yardage	Par	Rating	Slope
Heritage	6,973	71	75.2	146
Championship	6,603	71	72.9	139
White	6,116	71	70.0	126
Green	5,019	71	69.0	117

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Area	Grass	Height of cut (inches)
Tees	TifSport	7/16 to 3/8
Fairways	419 Bermuda	7/16 to 3/8
Greens	Tifeagle	9/64 to 1/8
Rough	419 Bermuda	2 to 2 1/2

LAY OF THE LAND AT HARBOUR TOWN



- First aid
- Scoreboards
- Concessions
- Information
- Rest rooms
- Ticket trailer
- Bleachers
- Observation point

Images courtesy of HoleView

BACK NINE

Hole No. 10
Yardage: 444
Par: 4
Handicap: 10
Key: The landing area appears wide, but only a shot to the left or middle affords a straightforward approach to a well-guarded green.



Hole No. 11
Yardage: 436
Par: 4
Handicap: 8
Key: A straight drive is essential to avoid trees and water lurking on both sides of the fairway. A well-bunkered green becomes even more difficult to hit from the right side of the fairway, from which a tree near the front right of the green will have to be negotiated.



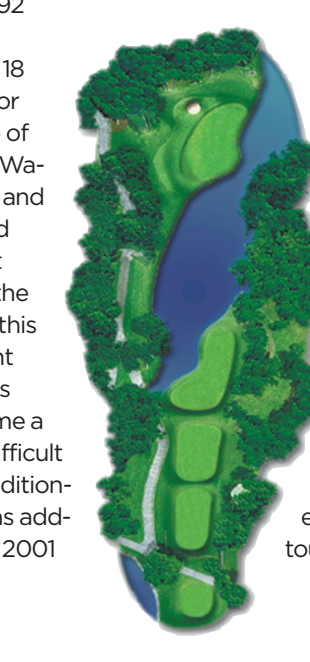
Hole No. 12
Yardage: 430
Par: 4
Handicap: 8
Key: Reaching the dogleg from the tee box is imperative to par ... but the challenge doesn't end there. Bunkers and a severe dip bisect the green and make your target landing area about half size it appears from fairway.



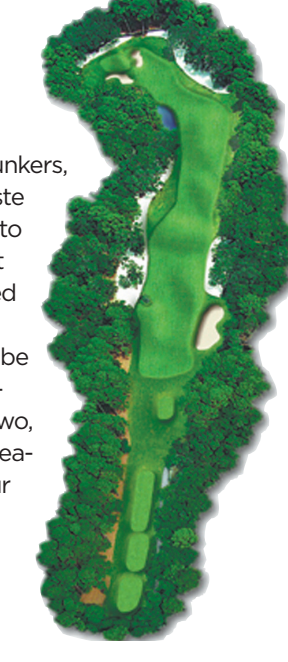
Hole No. 13
Yardage: 373
Par: 4
Handicap: 12
Key: The drive must be to the right side of the fairway to avoid overhanging trees on the approach. The hole is short but demands precision.



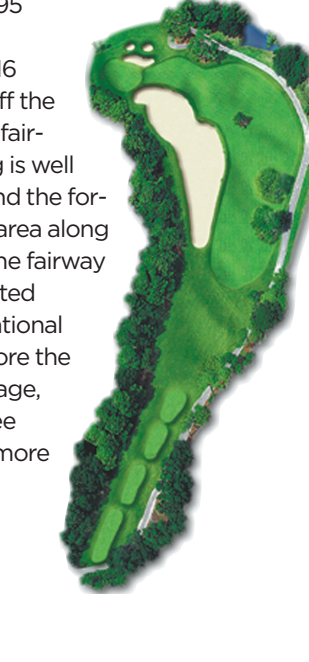
Hole No. 14
Yardage: 192
Par: 3
Handicap: 18
Key: Aim for the middle of the green. Water in front and at right and a deep pot bunker at the rear make this the prudent choice. This hole became a lot more difficult after an addition-tee box was added before the 2001 tournament.



Hole No. 15
Yardage: 571
Par: 5
Handicap: 6
Key: Stay to the middle of the fairway. Bunkers, water and waste areas abound to swallow all but the best-placed shots. This green used to be next to impossible to hit in two, but in recent seasons, PGA Tour golfers have reached more often.



Hole No. 16
Yardage: 395
Par: 4
Handicap: 16
Key: Stay off the beach. The fairway dogleg is well guarded, and the former waste area along the left of the fairway was converted to a conventional bunker before the 2006 Heritage, making a tee shot there more perilous.



Hole No. 17
Yardage: 185
Par: 3
Handicap: 14
Key: Gauge the wind. It can mean a three-club difference off the tee when in blows in your face or at your back and can make alignment difficult when it quarters.



Hole No. 18
Yardage: 452
Par: 4
Handicap: 2
Key: Aim your tee shot for the famed lighthouse to perfectly position your shot on the widest fairway on the PGA Tour. The approach still will be long and tricky, with the green tucked close to the water and bunkers guarding the front and back.



Places to go, things to see at this year's Heritage

A spectator's guide to viewing Hilton Head's PGA Tour extravaganza

From staff reports

The annual Heritage provides a unique opportunity to see first-hand the personalities, excitement and drama of the PGA Tour.

Admittedly, there are those who claim the best way to watch the event is at home in front of a television set. At times, that method does have its advantages. With a little advance planning, however, the on-site spectator can get as close to the action as the television cameras and see a whole lot more.

After fans are inside Sea Pines Resort, they'll be able to park in one of several general parking lots off Greenwood Drive, Plantation Drive and near Lawton Stables. Shuttles will serve each parking lot to take fans to Harbour Town Golf Links. All parking and shuttle-busing is free.

Once they reach the course, fans will find spectator bleachers set up around holes 13, 15, 16 and 18 (see course map at left.) The bleachers are also close to concession stands so spectators can stay in one spot for a long time and not worry about starving.

Another method of watching play is to sit by any other hole on the course and watch the field pass through. In this case, it is advisable to take along something to sit on, such as a folded blanket or a collapsible chair.

Yet another popular method is to sit by a specific golfer around at least part of the course. Daily pairings sheets, which include starting times, are available to the public and also are published in our newspaper each day, so it is easy to find out when a favorite golfer will begin his round

each day of the tournament.

Large maps and scoreboards around the golf course indicate where individual golfers are playing, so if you miss someone's tee time on the first hole, it is relatively easy to catch up with him as he plays the course.

One of the most popular viewing spots at Harbour Town is the spectator mound surrounding the ninth green, located directly in front of the clubhouse. If you plan to sit there, arrive early, no matter which day you attend the tournament — the area fills up quickly.

Two holes at Harbour Town, Nos. 8 and 11, are routinely listed among the most difficult on the PGA Tour. These are both good spots for watching the Heritage field. Spectators can witness some great moments at either one, on any day of the tournament.

If you prefer not to walk or sit all day, a good way to watch the proceedings at the Heritage is to follow a golfer with an early tee time part of the way around the course, then stay at one particular hole and watch the remainder of the field play through. You also can use the opposite approach — stay by one hole for a period of time until a favorite player comes through and then follow that player around the rest of the course.

On Saturday and Sunday, unless you arrive very early, don't plan to sit in the bleachers on any of the final holes. They will be packed, and if you should have to leave your seat for any reason, it will probably be occupied by your return. Sit by some other hole or walk around the course during play.

Quick facts

- Architect:** Pete Dye, with Jack Nicklaus
- Course restoration:** Pete Dye, 2000
- Average tee size:** 2,400 square feet
- Average green size:** 4,000 square feet
- Rounds per year:** More than 40,000
- Acres of fairway:** 31
- Acres of rough:** 40
- Sand bunkers:** 45
- Water hazards:** 12
- Tournament Stimpmeter:** 10 to 10.5 feet
- Soil conditions:** Sandy loam and clay
- Superintendent:** Jonathan Wright
- Head PGA professional:** John Farrell



The Heritage

BACK FOR MORE PLAID

Eight past champions will go after another tartan jacket this week

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The list of champions is the stuff of legends — or, rather, it's filled with legends.

Starting with Arnold Palmer in the inaugural event in 1969, the champions roll at the Heritage reads like a who's who of golf.

Hale Irwin, Johnny Miller, Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson all won here.

Nick Faldo, Greg Norman, Payne Stewart and Davis Love III did, too. (Five times, in Love's case.)

Of the 29 men who have won the Heritage, 19 of them have also won major championships.

Eight members of the prestigious list of past champions are in this year's field with hopes of adding another tartan jacket to their wardrobes.



Five-time champion Davis Love III



Two-time champion Boo Weekley



AARON BADDELEY
Heritage starts: 6
Heritage titles: 1 (2006)
Top-10 finishes: 3
Tournament scoring average: 69.14 (22 rounds)
2010 finish: T-22nd



BRIAN GAY
Heritage starts: 11
Heritage titles: 1 (2009)
Top-10 finishes: 2
Tournament scoring average: 70.91 (32 rounds)
2010 finish: T-32nd



STEWART CINK
Heritage starts: 11
Heritage titles: 2 (2000, 2004)
Top-10 finishes: 5
Tournament scoring average: 69.95 (42 rounds)
2010 finish: T-14th



JUSTIN LEONARD
Heritage starts: 13
Heritage titles: 1 (2002)
Top-10 finishes: 1
Tournament scoring average: 70.71 (48 rounds)
2010 finish: Did not play



GLEN DAY
Heritage starts: 17
Heritage titles: 1 (1999)
Top-10 finishes: 2
Tournament scoring average: 71.05 (60 rounds)
2010 finish: T-53rd



DAVIS LOVE III
Heritage starts: 25
Heritage titles: 5 (1987, 1991, 1992, 1998, 2003)
Top-10 finishes: 11
Tournament scoring average: 69.96 (91 rounds)
2010 finish: 71st



JIM FURYK
Heritage starts: 12
Heritage titles: 1 (2010)
Top-10 finishes: 5
Tournament scoring average: 69.95 (42 rounds)
2010 finish: 1st



BOO WEEKLEY
Heritage starts: 4
Heritage titles: 2 (2007, 2008)
Top-10 finishes: 2
Tournament scoring average: 68.44 (16 rounds)
2010 finish: T-12th

FURYK

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what made it so special."

Furyk experienced the same phenomenon at Harbour Town Golf Links, a place where he had repeatedly put himself in position to slip into a tartan jacket but had always come up short.

He finished in the top four here three times in a five-year span, including a pair of runner-up finishes, before finally breaking through last year.

"There are a handful of events that I've had opportunities to win and I've never gotten over the hump, events that I really respect that really had a history on the tour, and events that I always wanted to win," Furyk said. "And that was one of them."

MAJOR DISAPPOINTMENT

If there was one sour note to Furyk's sweet 2010 season, it was his performance in major championships.

Furyk's best finish in a major was a tie for 16th at the U.S. Open, and he tied for 24th at the PGA Championship, but he missed the cut at the Masters and the British Open. Furyk's career record in majors mimics his record at the Heritage; many close calls — he has 11 top-five finishes and 18 top-10 finishes in majors — but only one win.

Since winning the 2003 U.S. Open, Furyk has two runner-up finishes at the U.S. Open and two top-fives at the British Open, but he's still waiting to taste victory on the biggest stage again.

"When you get a taste of one, I don't think it makes you complacent," Furyk said. "I think it makes you more hungry for the next. It's exciting, and you want to feel it again."

If he ever felt he needed another major title to validate his

career, though — a notion that has been floated when reviewing his hall of fame credentials — Furyk has put that thought out of his head, and last year's success has helped.

"I've had a very good career to this point," Furyk said. "Obviously I want to win — that's the point — but it's not like I'm going to be bitter the rest of my life if I don't win another major championship."

ONGOING ENCORE

The 40s can be an awkward decade for a professional golfer — too old to compete with the young guys bombing it around on the PGA Tour, but still a decade away from graduating to the Champions Tour.

Many fine players have virtually disappeared from the average golf fan's radar for long periods while caught in the purgatory between tours.

So far, at least, Furyk shows no signs of fading.

Even without a win so far this season, Furyk remains 13th in the Official World Golf Rankings.

Only one older player is ranked higher — Steve Stricker is three years older; Phil Mickelson is six weeks younger.

"Being 40 years old now, and I've had some success on tour but I'm still trying to win golf tournaments and compete," Furyk said. "To be able to go out there after a couple dry years and win three times, I had a great, fun year."

And he sees plenty more ahead.

"I realize I've played for 18 years, and I'm not going to play at this level for another 18," Furyk said. "I'm not on the front end of my career, but I'm still going to find ways to continue to get better, and I think I can win a bunch more tournaments out there."

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Of all the golf courses Pete Dye has built in his Hall of Fame career — and “built” is the operative word, since even at age 86, the course architect once dubbed the “Marquis de Sod” still gets his hands dirty on every project — few have debuted with as much acclaim, and turmoil, as Harbour Town Golf Links.

Dye’s favorite story about the course comes from Thanksgiving 1969, when Harbour Town and its PGA Tour event, the then-Heritage Classic, first burst on the public’s consciousness — and when, then as now, things were on shaky ground.

The morning of the first round of the inaugural Heritage, Dye was making last-minute tweaks at the par-4 13th hole in the horseshoe-shaped bunker that surrounds the green.

“I’m in there pushing sand around, putting water on it to firm it up, and here comes the first player down the fairway,” Dye said, laughing. “I climb out all dirty and walk behind the green, and two guys are standing there. One says, ‘Look at this hole. Isn’t it great how Jack Nicklaus designed it?’ Well, I knew that Jack (Dye’s titular co-designer) had never seen it. So I tell the guy, ‘Jack Nicklaus had nothing to do with this hole. A lovely lady designed it.’

“I start walking away and I hear the guy saying, ‘There goes an early-morning drunk for you.’”

In fact, it was Alice Dye, Pete’s wife, who conceived the 13th green with its distinctive cypress boards bordering the sand, then built it with the aid of a bulldozer driver known as “T.P.” The point, though, is even as Harbour Town and the Heritage were born, both were considered a leap of faith.

When Arnold Palmer donned the first tartan blazer as the tournament winner (and took home a first-place check for \$20,000), photos sent around the world showed the now-famous view of the 18th-hole Harbour Town lighthouse in the background — or rather the shell of it, with scaffolding in place. Access to Hilton Head Island, now one of the world’s foremost seaside golf resorts, was via a two-



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With its placement along the Calibogue Sound and the iconic lighthouse in the background, the 18th hole at Harbour Town Golf Links has become one of the most recognizable on the PGA Tour.

lane bridge that swung open for boats on the Intracoastal Waterway.

Quickly, though, the golf course became a sensation.

“It was unbelievable the national publicity we got when it first opened,” Dye said. “(Sports Illustrated’s) Dan Jenkins wrote about it, and when the ratings came out, it was in the first 10 in the world. Harbour Town made my career, really.”

Four decades later, the golf course remains a fixture on Top 100 listings and a favorite of tourists, who pay \$250 and up to

play. The tournament, on the other hand, is on life support.

When Verizon Wireless announced in 2009 that the 2010 Heritage would be its last as title sponsor, “I never thought we’d be in this situation,” said Steve Wilmot, the tournament’s executive director for 25 years. “I felt disappointed Verizon was leaving, but not upset. It was a business decision and (the reaction was) ‘Let’s bring in someone new.’”

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Harbour Town tops public tracks

From staff reports

Many of the PGA Tour players who make their way here each year consider Harbour Town Golf Links one of the best courses on the tour, so it’s no wonder the South Carolina Golf Course Ratings Panel gave the home of the Heritage a share of its top honor for public-access courses in the state last month.

The panel named Harbour Town and the Ocean Course at Kiawah Island the best of the 31 courses named to the “Best You Can Play in South Carolina” compilation.

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The Heritage

Exemptions hit close to home

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In a year when the Heritage has stressed the importance of community support in the search for a title sponsor for Beaufort County's annual PGA Tour stop, tournament director Steve Wilmot added a bit more flavor to this year's event by offering sponsor's exemptions to three Beaufort County residents — Beaufort's Mark Anderson and Hilton Head Island's Chris Epperson and Kyle Stanley — as well as three former Clemson players.

It came as no surprise that Anderson and Stanley were granted exemptions — Anderson has just started his second year on the Nationwide Tour and will play the Heritage for the third consecutive year, and Stanley is off to a strong start in his first full year on the PGA Tour.

In fact, it turns out Stanley, the touring pro for Berkeley Hall Club in Bluffton, didn't need an exemption — he earned his spot in the field by virtue of his standing on the money list.

But the announcement that Epperson would receive one of the exemptions was a bit more surprising, especially for Epperson, who learned the news right along with everyone else at the tournament's annual media day in February.

"It was a weird, surreal moment," Epperson said. "My hearing kind of went in and out. I don't know, it was just too good to be true."

From his days as a junior

golfer growing up on Hilton Head Island to his time playing college golf at Armstrong Atlantic State University, the 28-year-old Epperson has dreamed of playing the Heritage. He has conditional status on the Nationwide Tour this season and will split time between that tour and the eGolf Professional Tour, but he will make his first PGA Tour start this week at his hometown tournament.

"It is exactly my dream come true," Epperson said. "This was always my goal, so now I'm going to have to set new goals. It was my goal to one day play in this tournament."

Anderson realized the same dream two years ago, earning a spot in the Heritage by winning the Players Amateur at Belfair Golf Club, and he was granted an exemption last year.

Three more exemptions went to former Clemson players Charles Warren, Ben Martin and Sam Saunders, and another went to PGA Tour veteran and former Furman star Brad Faxon.

Keeping more of the coveted exemptions close to home, Wilmot said, is just another way to thank the community, region and state for its support during the tournament's search for a sponsor.

"We're looking at things differently than we've ever done before," Wilmot said. "The guys in Texas and the guys in California that want to play in this event, that doesn't really help us now."

Uncertainty hangs over Heritage this year

Steve Wilmot has staged so many Heritage golf tournaments he can practically pull it off in his sleep. Problem is, given the unsure future without a title sponsor as of press time, sleep isn't something that's been easy to come by for the 25-year employee of Hilton Head Island's signature golf tournament.

Wilmot and the Heritage Classic Foundation, in conjunction with the PGA Tour, have been searching for a new title sponsor to ensure the event's future beyond this year after longtime partner Verizon ended its relationship with the Heritage last year. This year's event is happening only through the foundation's \$4 million rainy-day fund and public funding from Beaufort County and the Town of Hilton Head, but by all accounts the absence of a new sponsor will spell the end of the PGA Tour event after a 43-year run.

It's under those ominous clouds that Wilmot and his staff prepared for this week's tournament, attempting to stay focused on the 2011 event while uncertainty looms over its future beyond this Sunday.

"I've really felt the weight of the island on my shoulders," Wilmot said two weeks prior to tournament week. "No question there is a different feeling leading up to this year's event because of the uncertainty. It certainly has taken its toll, but I'm fortunate to have a wonderful staff."

Indeed, the past year has been one of dual purpose — prepare for the most important week in the tournament's history while trying to find a title sponsor to ensure the Heritage doesn't become history. The effort in both regards has been non-stop, as tournament officials have worked to ensure a strong field and energized local support while continuing to court potential sponsors. A strong showing this week won't necessarily ensure good news will follow for the future, but it certainly can't hurt.

"Everything that can possibly be done is being done," Wilmot said. "We've certainly been focused on this year's event, but certainly we've also been looking to 2012 and beyond."

Last month, Wilmot traveled to Orlando for the Arnold Palmer Invitational at Bay Hill in an effort to recruit players into this



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year's field. Through the years, the Heritage has enjoyed a solid field in its traditional spot the week following the Masters without much recruiting necessary, but with it now a week later and without a sponsor, putting together a strong field this year was an absolute imperative. Thus, Wilmot hit the road.

"My mission was to get the top players to commit to the event and to do so earlier this year," Wilmot said. "I told them 'Hey, I need you this year. If you don't want to play in 2012 or 2013 that's fine, but guess what, if we don't get it done this year there might not be a 2012 or 2013.'"

Given the field that is assembled at Harbour Town Golf Links it would appear Wilmot's push was, by and large, a success. The field has a strong international flavor with players such as Ernie Els, Luke Donald, Ian Poulter and reigning U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell. Likewise, traditional favorites such as defending champion Jim Furyk, five-time winner Davis Love III and John Daly are on hand this week.

The first-ever Heritage was won by the famed Arnold Palmer in 1969, a victory that helped propel both the event and its island home to national prominence. Now more than 40 years later, with its future squarely at a crossroads, the Heritage and its operating foundation need some similar magic to enthrone its sponsorship search at this, the 11th hour.

"We never really went out and recruited players into our field before," Wilmot said. "Our fields were always what they were. This year, however, we appealed to some players to support us. I think the relationships we've built in the past really helped us this year."

The pressure on events to feature stron-

ger fields to appease — or in the Heritage's case, attract — sponsors isn't lost on many PGA Tour players. A number of players, including former Heritage champion Nick Price and Furyk have been vocal proponents of players diversifying their schedules to support middle-tier tournaments, such as our own. If this year's field is any indication, the message was heard by at least some of those players.

"It's been the talk on the tour for several years now," said Furyk, who is returning to the Heritage for the 11th time. "I would say the Heritage is one of those tournaments that we as players need to support to show sponsors what a good place it is to come and what a great tournament it is. We can say it all we want, but to show it is to be there."

That strong field has been complemented by an outpouring of local support for the event, as Lowcountry residents face for really the first time the reality that this year's tournament could be the final Heritage after four decades at the Sea Pines Resort. Pro-am spots for both Monday and Wednesday sold out this year and the foundation's re-introduction of single-day tickets for the first time in a long time has had a positive affect at the box office.

"The local support has been tremendous yet again," Wilmot said. "The community has been very much engaged in this year's event and supportive of our efforts to ensure the tournament's future."

Even with that support, as of today's opening round of the 43rd Heritage, it remains an unsure future at best. Even this week, the effort continues. In fact, this week could very well be the crossroads to that effort. An energetic, exciting week that produces a popular champion could be just the momentum the event needs as it truly enters the 11th hour of its sponsor search.

"I certainly do not want this thing to end on my watch," Wilmot said. "I know (Heritage Classic Foundation chairman) Simon (Fraser) doesn't want it to end on his watch, either."

It is, to be sure, a heavy burden to bear as Wilmot directs yet another tournament this week — one he and an entire community desperately hope will not be the last.



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The Heritage

No easy task picking Heritage champ



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When it comes to predictions for what will happen this week at Harbour Town Golf Links, a few safe ones come to mind:

1. A golf tournament will be played.
 2. Plaid garments you never could have imagined will be on display.
 3. A lot of people will have a lot of fun, many of them aided by a lot of alcohol.
- Beyond that, it's anyone's guess how things will unfold. I mean, raise your hand if you predicted before the 2007 tournament that a fella named Boo would leave here with not just one plaid jacket, but two in as many years.

I don't see any hands. And even if you were enamored with Brian Gay's game going into the 2009 tournament, there's no way you could have seen 20-under-par coming.

So it's likely that you'd have as good a chance at predicting this week's winner by pulling a name out of a hat as poring over stats, but unless you're in my NCAA bracket pool (in which case, you're welcome for my \$5 donation this year) this is the one time of the year anyone cares about my prognostication.

With that in mind, I did my due diligence of researching this year's field, taking into account recent play, past performance at the Heritage and a few key stats in hopes of identifying a short list of players with the best chance at standing alone as champion of the 43rd annual Heritage.

Without further ado, here are my 10 Who Can Win this week's Heritage:

RICKY BARNES

Heritage scoring average: 68.75 (4 rounds)
Best Heritage finish: T-5th (2010)

2010 finish: T-5th

Why tartan suits him: If you can solve this track the first time around it, like Barnes did a year ago, you've done something. He carded three rounds in the 60s before closing with a 71 in his first Heritage start.

JASON DAY

Heritage scoring average: 70.67 (6 rounds)
Best Heritage finish: T-22nd (2010)

2010 finish: T-22nd

Why tartan suits him: Aussies seem to like this place — remember Aaron Baddeley and Peter Lonard? — and Day closed with a 67 last year, showing the track suits his eye. He's also riding the wave of a tie for second at the Masters.

LUKE DONALD

Heritage scoring average: 70.50 (16 rounds)
Best Heritage finish: T-2nd (2009)

2010 finish: T-3rd

Why tartan suits him: If I had to pick just one guy this week, it would be Donald. Not only is he the highest-ranked player in the field at No. 3 in the Official World Golf Rankings, but he's the best putter on the PGA Tour and he has a phenomenal record at Harbour Town with top-three finishes the past two years.

ERNIE ELS

Heritage scoring average: 69.67 (42 rounds)
Best Heritage finish: 2nd (2007)

2010 finish: Did not play

Why tartan suits him: The man who once called the Heritage's tartan jacket an "ugly coat" has almost slipped into one on multiple occasions. He has seven top-10 finishes here, including a runner-up showing in 2007 and ties for third in 2000 and 2004, and he hasn't missed a cut this year, an indication he's close to putting it all together.

RICKIE FOWLER

Heritage scoring average: 70.33 (6 rounds)
Best Heritage finish: T-8th (2010)

2010 finish: T-8th

Why tartan suits him: OK, tartan probably doesn't suit him, or at least not when he's wearing his Sunday orange to represent his alma mater, Oklahoma State. (Can you say "clash"?) But he does have the game to contend at Harbour Town — or anywhere else, for that matter — and he's going to win soon, so this week would be as good as any.

JIM FURYK

Heritage scoring average: 69.95 (42 rounds)
Best Heritage finish: 1st (2010)

2010 finish: 1st

Why tartan suits him: Furyk didn't win by accident last year; he's a perennial contender at Harbour Town with five top-10 finishes here since 2003. He's made six straight cuts this season, including a tie for ninth at the Arnold Palmer Invitational and a tie for 24th at the Masters, so don't be surprised if he finds himself near the top of the leaderboard again.

HEATH SLOCUM

Heritage scoring average: 70.81 (32 rounds)
Best Heritage finish: 2nd (2002)

2010 finish: T-8th

Why tartan suits him: Slocum has been hit-or-miss in 2011 with six missed cuts in 10 events, but he has hit more often than not at Harbour Town. A tie for eighth last year rekindled the success he had here in 2002 (second) and 2006 (T-12th), and he's one of the most accurate ball-strikers on the tour — hence the nickname, "Laser."

BRANDT SNEDEKER

Heritage scoring average: 71.69 (16 rounds)
Best Heritage finish: T-16th (2007)

2010 finish: Missed cut

Why tartan suits him: Believe it or not, Snedeker was on the list before his fourth-place finish at the Valero Texas Open last week. Sure, he's missed the cut here the past two years, but he tied for 16th in 2007 and he drives it straight. Call it a hunch, but it's high time Snedeker gets back to the winner's circle for the first time since his rookie year of 2007.

BO VAN PELT

Heritage scoring average: 70.25 (20 rounds)
Best Heritage finish: T-3rd (2010)

2010 finish: T-3rd

Why tartan suits him: When he's hitting it well, Van Pelt drives it straight and hits greens. He's made five straight cuts, including a tie for eighth at the Masters, so he is hitting it well. And he's made the cut in each of five starts at Harbour Town, including a tie for third last year and a tie for 10th in 2007.

BOO WEEKLEY

Heritage scoring average: 68.44 (16 rounds)
Best Heritage finish: 1st (2007, 2008)

2010 finish: T-12th

Why tartan suits him: The two-time Heritage champion has struggled a bit this year, but his stats show he's keeping it in the fairway and hitting greens. If he can just get a few putts to fall early to build confidence, he could easily gain momentum on one of his favorite courses.

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"Someone new" has not emerged, and this week's Heritage is being backed by a combination of county and town money plus Heritage Classic Foundation reserve funds. Unless a new sponsor can be found or a possible deal involving state tourism funds can be cobbled together, South Carolina's PGA Tour stop could go away.

That prospect upsets Hilton Head attorney Simon Fraser, whose father and uncle, Joe and Charles Fraser, turned 1960s dreams about the course and a tournament, which they hoped would help boost property sales for their Sea Pines Plantation, into a South Carolina icon. Fraser, a high school junior and a course marshal at the first Heritage, says losing it would be "devastating."

"The island would still be here, of course, but it would hurt its image, and our perception of ourselves," he said. "We're a small community with a big-time pro sports event. Imagine Green Bay if the Packers left."

"People see Harbour Town every year on (television), and if that goes away, it's got to affect vacation decisions, second-home buyers. We have a lot of things here generated by tourism. ... I can't imagine anything I want to see less than it going away on my watch. I would take it personally."

A COURSE UNLIKE MOST OTHERS

For all its claustrophobic characteristics, Dye takes pride in pointing out that in 1969, en route to winning the first Heritage, Palmer "used driver on every par-4 and par-5." That victory by "The King" established the tournament and the course, and it didn't hurt that

a who's-who of major champions — Hale Irwin (three times), Johnny Miller (twice), Tom Watson (twice), Payne Stewart (twice) and Nicklaus (1975) — won most of the Heritage titles in the 1970s and 1980s.

In 1987, Davis Love III, then an unknown, won the first of his five Heritages, disputing the course's "big hitters can't win here" reputation. Nevertheless, that image has impacted more recent Heritage fields. Tiger Woods played Harbour Town once (1999, tying for 18th) and never returned. Phil Mickelson played regularly in the 1990s, but not since 2002. South Carolina native Dustin Johnson played in 2008-09, missed the cut both years and later said he is unlikely to play there again.

The past decade, as equipment and athleticism created distance monsters with accuracy issues, the Heritage was won by the likes of Justin Leonard (2002), Aaron Baddeley (2006), Brian Gay (2009) and, last year, Jim Furyk.

Nick Price, the 1997 Heritage champion, this year bemoaned the possible loss of the event. Price pointed a finger at some absent stars — "they know who they are," he said — for putting the Heritage in jeopardy.

Dye, for one, thinks even if the Heritage ends, Harbour Town will continue to thrive — "It fills up that time of year pretty much," he said.

For others, though, the latest crisis evokes sadness and a sense of impending loss.

"(The Heritage is) the largest event in the state, an economic driver for the community," said Cary Corbitt, Sea Pines' director of sports and operations. "It brings us national exposure every year and further qualifies the significance of Harbour Town, Sea Pines and Hilton Head. All the pieces fit together."

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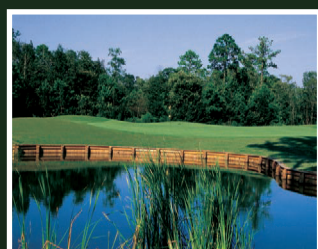
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The Heritage

Heritage family includes trio of top tournaments

The Heritage is by far the biggest and best-known golf tournament in South Carolina, but it isn't the only top tournament conducted by the Heritage Classic Foundation.

That roster includes the Players Amateur, a prestigious amateur event held each summer at Belfair Golf Club in Bluffton, and the Junior Heritage, a top-flight junior event played each February at the Sea Pines Resort.

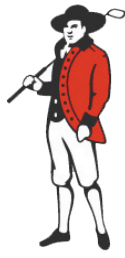
Both tournaments boast an impressive list of alumni, many of whom come back to the area to play in the Heritage upon launching their pro careers.

Past Players Amateur champions include Ben Curtis, Bill Haas, Camilo Villegas, Rickie Fowler and Mark Anderson, all of whom are in this year's Heritage field.

Past winners of the Junior Heritage include Kyle Stanley, Sean O'Hair and Charles Howell III, another trio shooting for a tartan jacket this week at Harbour Town Golf Links.

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Steve Wilmot



Jonathan Wright

JOB TITLE:	Director of sports and operations for the Sea Pines Resort	VP finance and administration	Director of golf	Executive administrator/volunteer coordinator	Assistant tournament director	Operations manager	Sales director	Tournament director	Golf course superintendent
JOB RESPONSIBILITIES:	Golf and tennis operation, recreation, retail operations, resort facility maintenance and landscaping	Financial and tax reporting for Heritage Classic Foundation	Golf operations at the Harbour Town Golf Links, Ocean and Heron Point by Pete Dye golf courses	Coordinating some 1,000 volunteers, various secretarial duties	Tournament operations, pro-am administration, gifts, staff and volunteer apparel	Basically everything that goes on behind the scenes.	Sponsorship sales	A little bit of everything	Maintaining Harbour Town Golf Links
YEARS ON THE JOB:	30 plus years	24	21	42	14	3 1/2 years	6	25	3
HOMETOWN:	McCormick	Staten Island, N.Y.	Pittsfield, Mass.	Thomasville, N.C.	St. Simons Island, Ga.	Salamanca, N.Y.	Jacksonville, N.C.	Moorestown, N.J.	Lexington, Ky.
GOLF HANDICAP:	PGA Class A Club Professional	22	Professional	Do not play	Do I really need to say? 28.	18	8 (Only when good Bill shows up)	16	10
FAVORITE HOLE AT HARBOUR TOWN:	15	18	9	18	17	13	18	15	15
LEAST FAVORITE AT HARBOUR TOWN:	I love all the golf holes	13	Don't have one	Do not have a least favorite	No. 8. It just has my number.	14	11	There are none. I love them all.	18. My ball always finds the marsh.
HOBBIES:	Golf, running, boating	Golf and travel	Family time, tennis, travel	Reading, ceramics, painting	Reading, playing guitar	Beach, watching all sports	Yard work, golf	Playing golf and basketball	Spending time with friends
PREVIOUS JOBS:	My position with the resort has seen much change over the years and continues to be very satisfying every day largely because of the company we work for	1969-1980 VP tax department Goldman Sachs & Co. CPA and financial consultant 1980-1997	Head professional at Ocean and Sea Marsh Courses	Telephone operator with Southern Bell, switchboard operator at University Hospital in Augusta, Ga., title clerk with major financial company	U.S. Army	Operations coordinator for 2008 Senior PGA Championship; 2005-2007 tournament intern for PGA Championships, Heritage, Senior PGA Championship	20-plus years in the hotel/resort industry	I worked with the Carolinas PGA Section prior to coming to Hilton Head in the summer of 1986 to work for Sea Pines in their pro sports department.	I worked at Haig Point on Daufuskie Island and Man O War Golf in Lexington, Ky.
IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE TOURNAMENT WHERE WOULD YOU BE?:	I can't imagine not being there. The Heritage is the only place to be in April.	Spending more time with my family and doing all the volunteer work I am still doing.	Spending time with family.	On a cruise or vacationing in Hawaii.	Well, I would hope that I would be at another tournament.	I hopefully would be working in the sports industry, preferably in a position I am in now.	Probably still in the hotel business.	I always wondered what it would be like working in the front office of the NFL.	I honestly don't know what I would be doing, but it would definitely be on Hilton Head Island.

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