



Dear Members,

As many of you know, the 20th anniversary of The Hampton Club will be celebrated in an extraordinary way: the complete restoration of the course designed by the late Joe Lee. This project will be the latest and most dramatic demonstration of the commitment by the Club's owners and management to providing a premier golf experience for you, our valued members.

The first step in this exciting project was the selection of Billy Fuller of Billy Fuller Golf Designs, Atlanta as the architect for our restoration work. Billy has a long history in course design, working for Bob Cupp of Cupp Design before launching his own company in 2003. With a background as a course superintendent at renowned courses including Augusta National, Billy's skills are highly regarded and his knowledge of agronomy is vast. For more information about Billy and his company, visit www.billyfuller.com where The Hampton Club is listed among his current projects. Additional details about our restoration project are found on the enclosed attachment.

At present, heavy overseeding has been completed and the course will remain open for play through March of next year. The Hampton Club will be closed to play beginning April 1 and will reopen on October 1, 2009.

As a Hampton Club member, your needs are extremely important to us. The Club staff has been hard at work to minimize the disruption in your golf play during the six months next year when the course will be closed. We have secured playing privileges for our members and guests at seven area courses. At each, you will pay the cart fee only. Your guests will play for the prevailing guest fee at the course(s) you choose. The seven courses that will welcome your play are Sanctuary Cove, Sea Palms, Laurel Island Links, Sapelo Hammock, Coastal Pines, Oak Grove and Jekyll Island.

Play arrangements for our special groups, MGA, LGA, Flight Four and the Wednesday and Friday 12:00 games will be made in advance and communicated to everyone so that participants can make their plans. Bruce, Matt or myself will make every effort to be at the selected course for these events from start and finish.

Tee times at any of the seven courses may be made by calling The Hampton Club at 634-0255, or via email to hamptonteeetimes@bellsouth.net. Credit cards, check or cash are welcome at all seven courses. However, if you prefer to charge items to your Hampton Club account, simply sign for your purchases and the charges will appear on your monthly member statement.

For practice needs, please be aware that The Hampton Club driving range will be closed while the course is closed. However, the Sea Palms driving range on Frederica Road offers 30-minutes of practice for \$8.00. Sea Palms has also agreed to sell our members a six-month pass, with no limit on practice time, for \$200. If you are interested in a pass, just call us and we'll make those arrangements for you.

Throughout the project, the Clubhouse will remain open for lunch. We are also planning to host various evening gatherings there to keep you updated as work progresses. We will be using our website at www.hamptonclub.com for schedules and pictures as work is completed.

Of course, you are encouraged to call me or anyone on the staff with your questions, comments or concerns. I hope that you share our enthusiasm for this exciting project, confident that next October we will all enjoy a spectacular new era for The Hampton Club.

Rick Mattox
General Manager
The Hampton Club



The Hampton Club Course Restoration Project

It was in 1987 when we first walked this remarkable stretch of land on the northern end of St. Simons Island with course architect Joe Lee.

As we made our way through the dense palmettos and ancient oaks, Joe Lee began to envision the bends and beauty of the golf course that would be built there. And when he spied the small marsh hammocks that lay just to the west, he knew he'd found the locations for its four defining signature holes.

The Hampton Club at Hampton Plantation opened in 1989 and quickly received numerous awards from the industry and high praise from members and Resort guests.

Over the years, the commitment to enhancing the premier golf experience at The Hampton Club—now owned and managed by The King and Prince Resort—has remained our highest priority.

That commitment is behind our investment in this extensive course renovation project that will dramatically renew and restore The Hampton Club.

MIKE P. STURDIVANT, SR.
CO-CHAIRMAN, MMI HOTEL GROUP

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The primary focus of the work is to restore the course's green complexes to their original designs while make other physical enhancements to tee boxes, fairways, grasses, cart paths and drainage systems. The course will be closed April 1 through September 30, 2009.

GREENS: All eighteen greens will be cored out and new materials installed as recommended by the USGA for optimum green construction and to maintain the design integrity of Joe Lee's original design. The new greens will be planted with mini-verde, ultra-dwarf Bermuda grass. (For more information visit www.mini-verde.com.) Green collars will be 60" around each green and planted with TifSport Bermuda.

BUNKERS: Due to the loss of their original character, all will be reshaped and the sand replaced. Three new fairway bunkers will added including two on No. 10 and one on No. 16. Bunker banks will be planted in Empire Zoysia.

FAIRWAY, TEE AND ROUGH GRASSES: All will be re-planted with the more shade-tolerate Celebration Bermuda grass. (For more information visit www.celebrationturf.com.)

TEE BOXES: All tee boxes will be laser-leveled and re-aligned with the center of the fairway. Selected tee boxes will be lengthened and their location changed as well as the addition of new forward tees on some holes to make them more play friendly. The tee box on No. 12 will be doubled in size with the addition of a new bridge to bring the tee closer to the cart path.

CART PATHS: All cracked or damaged sections will removed and replaced.

LAKE BANKS: On No. 4 and No. 16, lake banks will be structurally reinforced, backfilled and resodded. The Spartina grasses planted there to reduce erosion will be removed.

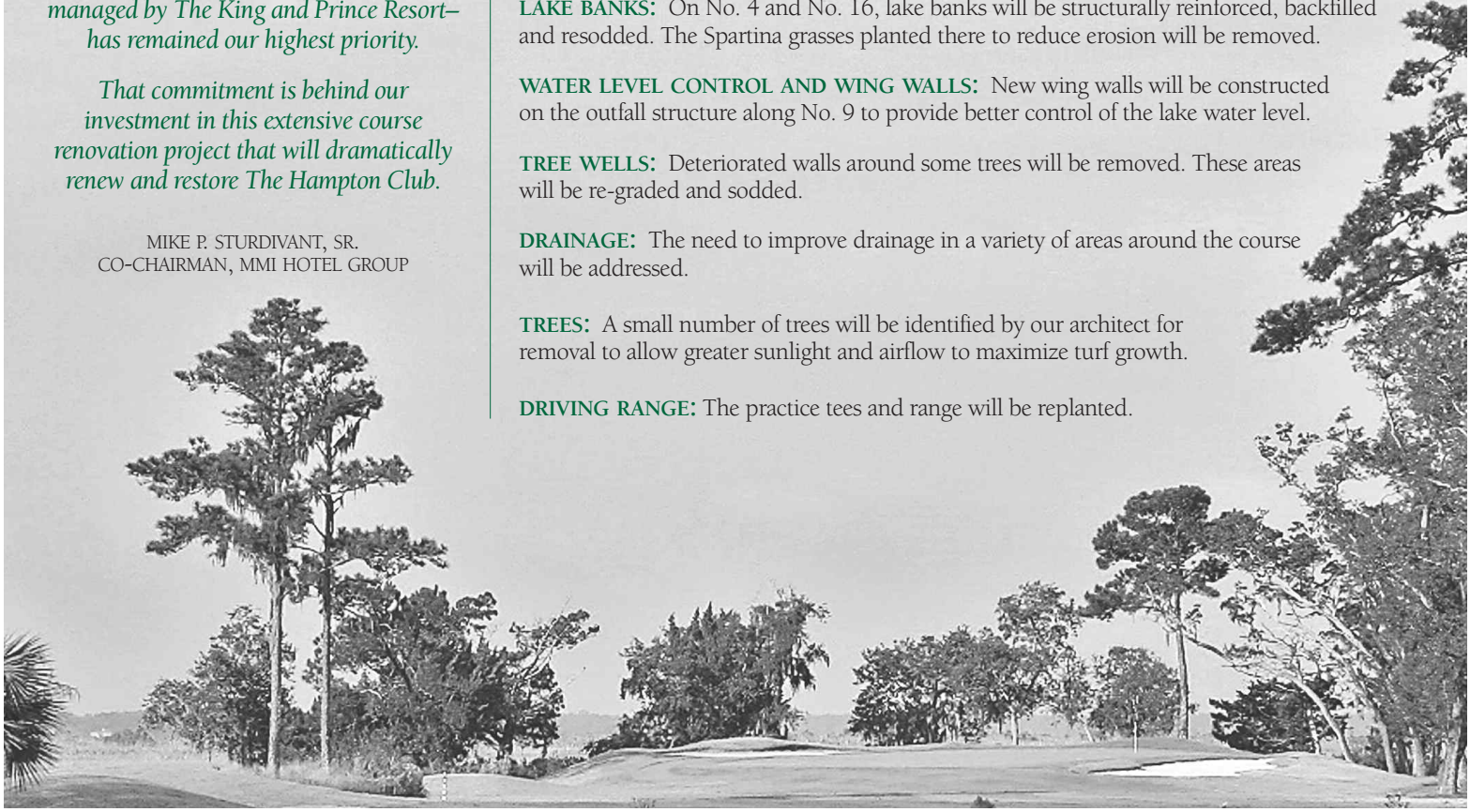
WATER LEVEL CONTROL AND WING WALLS: New wing walls will be constructed on the outfall structure along No. 9 to provide better control of the lake water level.

TREE WELLS: Deteriorated walls around some trees will be removed. These areas will be re-graded and sodded.

DRAINAGE: The need to improve drainage in a variety of areas around the course will be addressed.

TREES: A small number of trees will be identified by our architect for removal to allow greater sunlight and airflow to maximize turf growth.

DRIVING RANGE: The practice tees and range will be replanted.



If you have any questions, or wish to learn more about The Hampton Club restoration project, we invite you call the Pro Shop at 634-0255, or drop by the Clubhouse to see a display of the project plans. Project updates and photos will also be available at www.hamptonclub.com as work progresses.