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SPRING ISLAND, S.C. -- Old Tabby Links is new again following the completion of a seven-month restoration project.

On Nov. 1, 2012 the acclaimed golf course in the South Carolina low country celebrated its reopening with a visit from Arnold Palmer and his two senior architects, Brandon Johnson and Thad Layton.

Arnold Palmer Design Company teamed with MacCurrach Construction to give the course a head-to-toe makeover and heighten the strategic interest of each hole.

"Old Tabby has been one of the most prominent examples of Low Country golf architecture," said Arnold Palmer. "Over time it needed upgrading and refinement. The design team took care to retain the course's character and many challenges, while adding enhancements to ensure its reputation for years to come."

Greens have been re-grassed, a new state-of-the-art irrigation system installed, and the natural beauty and rugged character of the course restored. Among the noticeable changes are bunkers that were rebuilt and repositioned to recapture their strategic and aesthetic value. In some cases, hazards were eliminated, reducing the amount of bunker square footage, in favor of the natural, sandy terrain of the area.

Fairways have been widened and rough reduced to reintroduce the ground game, promote more forgiving tee shots and incorporate the existing tree lines into the strategic fabric of the course.

Following the club's directive, APDC built MiniVerde-grass greens in the spirit of the original putting surfaces while enhancing shot values, variety of pin locations and options of play on and around the greens.

"We wanted to inject another level of strategic interest back into the golf course," said Johnson, lead designer on the Old Tabby project. "Classic risk-reward decisions will be encountered, heroic shots will be asked of the player, and a myriad of options for recovery around the green will all make for a fun and interesting round of golf."

The Arnold Palmer Design Company is an internationally recognized leader in the golf course design industry with courses in more than 27 country's worldwide and over 40 years of award winning experience.

Spring Island is a 3,000-acre island community located 35 minutes from Hilton Head and Savannah, and is limited to no more than 410 families. From the beginning, the club has been recognized for its environmental sensibilities with 1,200 of the community's 3,000 acres protected as nature preserve; with the golf course project complete, it now is positioned for future success.

"Spring Island has long been recognized for its trend-setting, low impact development plan," said Tom Noyes, general manager of Spring Island. "This golf course restoration marks our next step in the continuing improvement of all of Spring Island's facilities."

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