misses a green. The Ocean Course at Kiawah Island, SC, another Pete Dye design, has been home to The Ryder Cup and is one of the most difficult courses to play in the nation, yet resort players can’t wait for their chance to play this course. It seems golf is not a game for sissies and Heron Point by Pete Dye should satisfy any player looking for a good story or two to tell their foursome back home.

The multi-million dollar Heron Point Course is 7,000 yards from the back tees with a mix of short and long holes. Six sets of tees on each hole allow the player to select a shorter course, but that doesn’t necessarily mean an easier round. Said Dye, “It’s a great combination of holes out here. We think a lot of the holes will have more shot value than they did before, all the way around. There will be some talk about this golf course.”

Work began on this course in September 2006. Grassing started in May 2007, and the course opened September 17, 2007, a remarkable turnaround time for a total transformation. The Heron Point course joins Dye’s original Harbour Town Golf Links and the Ocean Course, the first course built on Hilton Head Island and redesigned by Mark McCumber in 1995, to give The Sea Pines Resort guest a total of 54 holes of play and a forecaddie program at Harbour Town Golf Links to enhance the golf experience.

There’s no doubt that Hilton Head Island is a golfer’s “must play” with more than 20 premier courses on the island, plus nearby Bluffton, Daufuskie Island and Fripp Island. The climate lends itself to year-round play, and the 12 miles of wide, white-sand beaches and beautiful marshlands that surround Hilton Head make this a favorite vacation spot for each member of the family. The new Heron Point course by Pete Dye is just one more excuse to plan a visit here.