

Business Golf Classic Set for June 18

Tee time is almost here and your chamber is calling all golfers, from beginners to pros, to participate in the 15th annual Business Golf Classic on Monday, June 18, sponsored by ServPro of Beaufort County.

"The tournament is always a sell-out event that the chamber and our members look forward to each year," said chamber President & CEO Bill Miles. "It's a great networking event and has become a tradition for our business community."

This year's tournament will give golfers a chance to play at Colleton River Plantation Club on the Jack Nicklaus Signature Course.

A captain's choice format will be used with registration at 11:30 a.m. and a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m.

The cost is \$165 per player or \$650 per team, which includes cart, green fees,

lunch, complimentary beverages, post tournament reception and the opportunity to win several great prizes including AirTran Airways round-trip tickets.

The reception will be held immediately following the tournament at the new Jack Nicklaus Clubhouse at Colleton River Plantation Club.

Hole sponsorships are available at \$150 per hole. To support the tournament you can also donate a door prize. Other sponsorships opportunities are also available.

Tournament space is going fast, so make plans today to join in. For more information about playing or sponsorship opportunities, contact Cathy Havens at 341-8369 or chavens@hiltonheadisland.org.

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David Moore, Jeff Rogers, Jason Heath and Mark MacGillivray took home the first place trophy for the 2006 Business Golf Classic at Haig Point Club.

Hilton Head Island in the News

Chamber Award



Readers of *Successful Meetings* magazine, the largest trade publication for meeting planners, awarded the Hilton Head Island VCB with its 2007 Pinnacle Award. The award was given to only seven visitor and convention bureaus in the Southeast that exhibit outstanding service to the meetings industry. It's the VCB's sixth-year running to receive the coveted honor.

Print Media

Golf For Women magazine featured Palmetto Dunes in the May 2007 issue.



Online Media



Womansday.com recently featured Hilton Head Island in their "Top 10 Terrific Vacations" list. Their website receives over half a million viewers per day.

Recent Media Visits



Peter Greenburg with *The Today Show* recording his radio show live at The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa.



Be on the Lookout!

Bluffton will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Southern Living* magazine.



Kevin Mullane with Bartlett Tree Experts, Mary Myer with Mighty Mac Premier Cleaning Services and Gini Quat with Summer House Condominiums networking at the May Business After Hours hosted by Summer House.



Kris Berger, Nancy Fullerton, Nancy Mayer and Carol Mikell, not pictured, won first place in this year's Ladies Golf Classic at Bear Creek Golf Club.



Julie Burchette with BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina welcomes new chamber members at the New Member Luncheon in May. BlueCross and Kinghorn Insurance sponsored the quarterly event.

TheDetails



Front row: Chamber President & CEO Bill Miles with CBS Evening News Hurricane Specialist Bryan Norcross and chamber board Chairman Dr. Jane Upshaw at the 2007 Hurricane Preparedness Conference & Expo sponsored by Carswell Insurance and ServPro of Beaufort County. Back row: Scott Richardson, director of insurance for the S.C. Department of Insurance; Dale Eck, director of the Weather Channel's Global Forecast Center; and Jay Harter, emergency management director for the Town of Hilton Head Island.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for BrightStar Healthcare, the Lowcountry's newest provider of healthcare staffing. BrightStar is located at 23 Plantation Park Drive in Bluffton.

Thank You

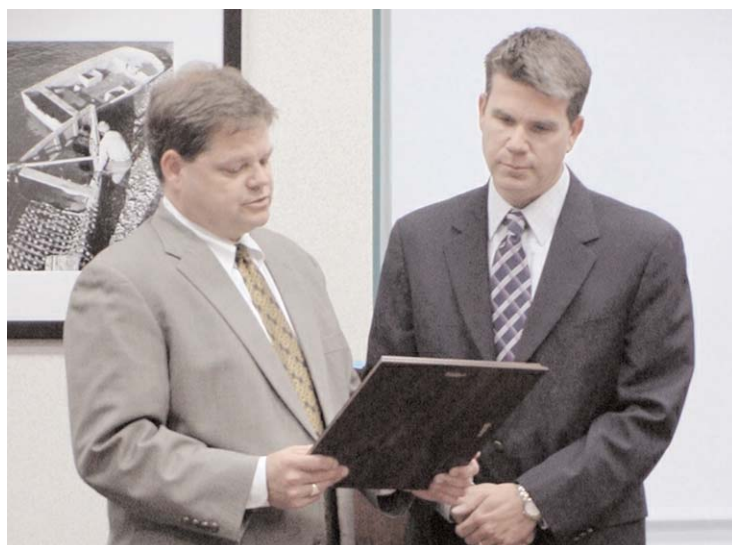
- to Carswell Insurance Services and ServPro of Beaufort County for sponsoring the Hurricane Preparedness Conference & Expo and to Atlanta Bread Company on Hilton Head Island for providing the continental breakfast.
- to the following members for participating in the Hurricane Conference & Expo: Carswell Insurance Services, ServPro of Beaufort County, Beaufort County, Coastal Applied Systems, American Red Cross Palmetto Chapter, Scott Richardson, Town of Bluffton, Town of Hilton Head Island and the Arts Center of Coastal Carolina.
- to the Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa, Ocean Grill and The Sea Pines Resort for hosting writers from *Incentive*, *Redbook* and *Woman's Day* magazines.
- to Summer House Condominiums for hosting Business After Hours in May.
- to Kinghorn Insurance Services & BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina for co-sponsoring the new member luncheon in May and to Faces Day Spa & Boutique for providing gift bags.
- to M.C. Riley Elementary School for hosting the May Business & Education Partnership Committee.
- to Bay Homes, Buck Edwards, Hilton Head Area Association of Realtors, Mortgage Lenders Association, National Bank of South Carolina, Mike Sanz and Linda Warnock at Dunes Marketing Group for sponsoring *The Island Packet* Senior Honors ad.
- to Hargray for hosting the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Leadership class in May.



**NEED A BETTER WAY
TO GET YOUR
COMPANY'S MESSAGE
OUT TO THE BUSINESS
COMMUNITY?**

Place your ad in the
Chamber Business Monthly!

Space is limited. Call Emily at 341-8367 for more information or to reserve your space.



Weston Newton, Beaufort County council chairman, presents a National Tourism Week Proclamation to Chris Long, chamber vice president of public policy.

Who's Who & Who's Where

Promotions & Appointments

John Burton recently joined ServPro of Beaufort County as sales manager. He was previously with the Marriott Corporation in New Jersey and Hilton Head Island.



Nancy Canniff has joined Sivica Homes as a sales associate at Heritage at New Riverside in Bluffton. She has earned the Graduate Realtor Institute designation.



Luciana Thompson has joined KRA Architecture as a project manager for residential and commercial projects. Luciana has previous experience with various of projects in the industry.



Pamela Hancock joins Sivica Homes as a sales associate at Heritage at New Riverside in Bluffton. She was a realtor with Coldwell Banker Platinum Partners before joining Sivica Homes.



Sarah Robertson has become a shareholder of McNair Lawfirm, P.A. She became an associate with the firm by merger in the Hilton Head Island office in 2004.

C. Edward Underhill joins Sivica Homes as a sales associate at Heritage at New Riverside in Bluffton. He has extensive experience as a broker associate in the Lowcountry.



Anna Lee Johnson has joined the team of real estate agents at MARS The Real Estate Store® Hilton Head Island. She has experience in both real estate and property management.



Scott Londeau recently joined ServPro of Beaufort County as estimator. He has an extensive background in estimating in the construction and fire protection area.

Carl Millen recently joined ServPro of Beaufort County as warehouse manager with over 20 years of management experience with the Marriott Corporation.



Jean Maldonado has joined the team of real estate agents at MARS The Real Estate Store® Bluffton. She is an area resident of over 25 years.



Robert M. Deeb, Jr. has joined McNair Lawfirm, P.A. as a shareholder in the Hilton Head Island office. His areas of practice are commercial and residential real estate law.

Maria Martin has joined the team of real estate agents at MARS The Real Estate Store® Daufuskie Island. She brings over ten years of experience as a broker, formerly with The Daufuskie Company and Melrose Real Estate.



Mark S. Siegel, M.D. joins Beaufort Memorial Hospital as an Ophthalmologist. Dr. Siegel received his medical degree from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville in 2000.

Dr. Robert Hohman has been promoted to assistant vice chancellor for student development at the University of South Carolina-Beaufort.



Joshua K. Tiller, project manager with J.K. Tiller Associates, Inc. of Bluffton, has successfully completed the CLARB-Landscape Architect Registration Examination.



Kirk Gillon has joined OpenVision.com as executive producer. He most recently assisted with projects with ESPN and CNBC.

Charlie Drawdy joins the team of real estate agents at ERA Evergreen. He is a lifelong resident of the Lowcountry.

Fran Doucette has joined the sales team at WEICHERT REALTORS® Coastal Properties Sun City/Okatie office as a buyers agent. She was formerly with the staff of Lifestyle Real Estate.



Rachel Hill has joined KRA Architecture as a graphic designer. She will help launch their new graphic design and multimedia division.



Ben Boring recently joined the Town of Hilton Head Island Fire & Rescue as a firefighter. He previously worked for Burton Fire District and is a graduate of the S.C. Fire Academy.



Membership Renewals

15 Years +

A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc.
 CNSG Hilton Head
 Hudson's Seafood
 Legendary Golf
 Office Products Plus
 Pro Photo, Inc. /
 Photography by Scott
 Moody
 Reilley's Wine & Spirits
 Robinson Grant & Co., PA
 Smith Barney, Citigroup
 Wild Wing Cafe

10-15 Years

AAA Riding Tigers Bike
 Rentals/Palmetto Bike
 Barn
 American Cancer Society
 Bear Foot Sports
 Bonanza Sportfishing
 Broad Creek Marina
 Building Specialties of
 Carolina, Inc.
 Capt. Hook Party Fishing
 Boat
 Del Webb Communities
 Disney's Hilton Head Island
 Resort
 Gumtree Nursery
 Hilton Head Automotive, LLC
 Hilton Head Bicycle
 Company
 Hilton Head Floorcovering
 Hilton Head Island Plastic
 Surgery, LLC
 Mighty Mac Premier
 Cleaning Services
 Pitney Bowes, Inc.
 Santa Fe Cafe
 Stanley Steamer
 Sunshine Nursery,
 Landscape & Hardscape
 Thomas & Hutton
 Engineering Co.
 USCB Small Business
 Development Center
 Ward Edwards, Inc.

3-9 Years

Absentee Owners Property
 Watch, LLC

BB&T- Branch Banking &
 Trust of SC
 Beachwalk Hotel &
 Condominiums
 Breeze Builders, Inc.
 Carolina House of Hilton
 Head
 Charley's Crab
 Charlie's L'etoile Verte, Inc.
 Coastal Carolina Yacht
 Sales
 Daufuskie Island Resort &
 Breathe Spa
 Dennis Sexton
 Homebuilders
 Fairfield Inn by Marriott
 Hilton Head Bluffton
 French Bakery & Courtyard
 Cafe
 Friends of the Rivers
 Indigo Pines Retirement
 Community
 Island Digital Photo
 Joseph Fargione
 Livingood's, Inc.
 Lowcountry Plastic Surgery
 Metal Fabrications of
 Hilton Head Island
 Outthink, LLC
 R.A. Dextraze & Associates
 Savannah's Talking Tours on
 CD & Cassette with Map
 SCORE
 Smokehouse
 Sticky Fingers Rib House
 Wells Fargo Home
 Mortgage
 Wine & Spirit Shop
 WSAV-TV

1-3 Years

Alligator Grille Seafood
 Restaurant & Sushi Bar
 Aqua Grille & Lounge
 Atlantic Real Estate -
 Bluffton
 Bluffton Academy "A
 Learning Center for Pre-
 Schoolers"
 Campbell Business
 Products
 Carolina Portraits, LLC
 Holiday Inn Express Hotel
 & Suites
 Italian American Club
 Sponsored by Unico
 Hilton Head

Chamber Events

June 2007

- 1 Government Affairs Committee**
8 a.m. | chamber headquarters
- 7 Home & Villa Committee**
8:45 a.m. | chamber headquarters
- 14 Arts & Cultural Committee**
9:30 a.m. | chamber headquarters
- 14 Golf Committee**
12 p.m. | chamber headquarters
- 18 Business Golf Classic**
12:30 p.m. Shotgun Start | Colleton River Plantation
Club
- 21 Business After Hours**
5:30-7 p.m. | Street Meet
- 21 Bluffton/Hardeeville Business Council**
11 a.m.-12 p.m. | chamber's Bluffton office

July 2007

- 12 Bluffton Marketing Committee**
9 a.m. | chamber's Bluffton office
- 18 Accommodations & Attractions Committee**
10 a.m. | chamber headquarters
- 19 Business After Hours**
5:30-7 p.m. | RBC Centura Bank

Jazz Lovers of the
 Lowcountry
 Juleps Restaurant
 Law Office of Jay A.
 Mullinax
 Lisa M. Meyers, LMT
 North Ridge Subdivision
 On-Site Cleaning Services
 Palmetto Bay Watersports
 Parkway Medical Center
 Shrimp Michael's

South Carolina Massage &
 Esthetics Institute, Inc.
 Toddler University
 Two Tomatoes Catering
 Company
 Upper Crust

**Thank You for
 Renewing Your
 Chamber
 Membership!**

Membership Essentials

Welcome New Members

ASSOCIATIONS

Sun City Hilton Head Community Association, Inc.

DELICATESSENS

Deli By The Beach

ENTERTAINMENT

Lunch Dates & Soul Mates

FINANCIAL SERVICES

MCM Companies, LLC

GOLF CARTS

E-Z-Go Hilton Head

HOME REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS

NewLife Decorative Concrete

HOTELS-MOTELS-INNS

Four Points Hotel by Sheraton
Savannah Airport

JANITORIAL SERVICES, VILLA CLEANING

On-Site Cleaning Services

PAINTING CONTRACTORS

On Time Maintenance & Painting

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS & INVESTORS

New Walk, Inc.

RESTAURANTS

Shrimp Michael's

RETAIL/SPECIALTY SHOP

Harry & David

Island Bookseller

TOURS

Doin' The Charleston Tours

For more information on our new members, visit the chamber's website at www.hiltonheadisland.org/membership/newmembers.html.

New Member Highlights

CitiFinancial

Mike Owens
878 Fording Island Rd. #14
Bluffton, SC 29910
www.citifinancial.com

A community-based lender that originates real estate, home improvement, auto and unsecured personal loans.

Coastal Applied Systems, LLC

Patricia Zombas
14 Cardinal Rd.
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926
www.coastalfilms.com

Assists with protecting homes, furnishings and valuables from severe weather with 3M safety film for windows as well as solutions to fogged windows.

Harry & David

Susan Poston
1414 Fording Island Rd., Ste. C240
Bluffton, SC 29910
www.harryanddavid.com

The local store has a large selection of chocolates, fruits, desserts and appetizers as well as baskets and towers ready for giving to friends or business associates.

The Island Bookseller

Marianne Neidich
71 Lighthouse Rd., Ste. 612
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Local retail bookstore.

NewLife Decorative Concrete

Candace Folsom
2-E Southwood Park Dr.
Hilton Head Island, SC 29926

Concrete professionals with over 25 years of combined experience in concrete repair, overlay, stain and custom design. They offer both residential and commercial services for interior and exterior resurfacing projects.

Tidelands Bank

Jeff Cooper
29 Plantation Park Dr., Ste. 101
Bluffton, SC 29910
www.tidelandsbank.com

A full-service commercial bank headquartered in Mt. Pleasant, S.C. Tidelands has expanded into the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton area with a loan production office and plans for more branches in the near future.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for Freedom Boat Club Hilton Head Island located in Skull Creek Marina.

InTown&Around

Members Making News

ServPro of Beaufort County was recently awarded 2006 Franchise of the Year for North and South Carolina at the annual conference in Charlotte, NC.

Pro Photo, Inc. has been honored with an Accolade of Excellence award for their "Pretty Maids all in a Row" wedding portrait by The Wedding & Portrait Photographers International.

The Bluffton Township Fire District has 12 firefighters who recently graduated from the first Firefighter Candidate School to be held in Beaufort County. Graduates were Keagan Alcock, Odette Aleksiewicz, Alan Beachman, Derek Beeler, Charles Bumgardner, Jeff Kuehn, Muraad McCoy, Michael Provo, Adam Ridsen, Matt Ritchey, Michael Tuten and Austin Williams. During the graduation ceremony, Jeff Kuehn received the Chief John Oram Award for Academic Excellence and Adam Ridsen received the Chief Lee Walters Award for Leadership.

The University of South Carolina-Beaufort announced it has taken a significant step toward construction of a facility

to house a four-year baccalaureate nursing program with the help of two generous community grants totaling \$1.2 million. USCB also recently honored four top area high school students with Sullivan-Graham Dynamic Teacher Cadet Scholarships to recognize outstanding achievement.

J. Banks Design Group, Inc. recently announced that its design project, Toll Brother's Regency at Dominion Valley Clubhouse, was named "Best Clubhouse" for the Washington D.C. region at the 2007 MAME Awards.

Cora Bett Thomas Realty & Associates in Bluffton recently launched a dedicated charitable fund that will benefit organizations and special projects in the Lowcountry. A percentage of gross commissions from every sale at the firm's Bluffton office is now donated to the Cora Bett Thomas Realty - SC Community Fund.

Palmetto Electric Cooperative is offering an up-close and personal view of nesting ospreys via its new Web camera link at www.palmetto.coop. The Web camera is mounted on the communications tower located at on Matthews Drive.

OpenVision.com recently announced the following new clients for websites & Internet marketing programs: Holiday Inn Surfside Beach, Hifucare Center, Shirley Bentrup Real Estate, Camp Hilton Head, Wisconsin Rapids CVB, Okatie Park, South Shore Commons, Discover the Ponds, Raider Ranch and Watermere at Southlake.

SouthArt, Inc. recently celebrated its 30th Anniversary. The company was started by Bill and Lois Cornelia in 1977 in response to requests from the local stores for postcards of the Island.

Weichert, Realtors®-Coastal Properties announced the opening of the new Sun City/Okatie office. This is the third office Weichert, Realtors® - Coastal Properties has opened since 2004. They now have offices in Hilton Head, Bluffton and Sun City.

Mark Your Calendar

The deadline for Promotions & Appointments and Members Making News for the July 2007 issue of *Chamber Business Monthly* is June 8. Please forward your submissions via fax or email to Emily Barnes at (843) 785-7110 or ebarnes@hiltonheadisland.org.

Economic Indicators

April Airport Activity Hilton Head Airport

	2006	2007	change
Arrivals	6,652	11,396	+73.3%
Departures	5,959	11,412	+91.5%

Source: Hilton Head Airport

April Airport Activity Savannah / Hilton Head International

	2006	2007	change
Arrivals	85,550	95,850	+10%
Departures	81,645	86,999	+12%

Source: Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport

March Unemployment

(number of persons in labor force, rate)

	2006	2007
Beaufort County	4.6%	4.6%
South Carolina	6.4%	5.9%

Source: S.C. Employment Security Commission

April Residential/Commercial Permits

(single and multi-family units)

	Residential	Commercial
Hilton Head Island	204	50
Bluffton	104	7

Source: Town of Hilton Head Island & Town of Bluffton

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