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## Fall is for Golfers

## Try A Round at Wild Dunes

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utumn is a magical time of the year to play the two courses at Wild Dunes Resort, according to Jeff Minton, director of golf at the Isle of Palms resort: "Fall is one of my favorite times due to the cooler temperatures, long days and excellent course playing conditions."

Both courses – The Links and The Harbor – were designed by world-renowned architect Tom Fazio. They are routed through natural salt marshes and tidal lagoons, which provide golfers with views that are trademarks of the Lowcountry. The Harbor Course parallels the Intracoastal Waterway, and the Links Course is one of just a few courses that are played with the Atlantic Ocean as a backdrop.

"The Harbor Course is unique in that the first eight holes play straight away from the clubhouse, and the last 10 holes play directly back to the clubhouse, a similar design to many seaside courses in Europe," Minton explained.

The Harbor Course also has six par 3s, which makes

it popular with junior players, families and those just learning the game.

The Links Course sits on natural dunes that are typically not found in the Lowcountry. The word "links" is derived from the English meaning of "rising from the ground or ridge and further refers to a coastal and sandy dune area," said Minton.

Minton said golfers enjoy playing both courses because of the differences in the layouts and natural beauty of both. Golfers who don't use a golf cart find the Links Course an easier walk.

In 2015, the Links Course was closed for a six-month renovation that consisted of resurfacing and enlarging all the putting greens, a new irrigation system and new cart paths. Several bunkers were added, and small design changes modernized the course for today's game.

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