



BY INCORPORATING A CLASSIC SCOTTISH DESIGN ELEMENT, TALAMORE RESORT HAS REIMAGINED ITS REES JONES COURSE FOR THE RESORT'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY – AND NOTHING COULD BE FINER DOWN IN CAROLINA.

TO “REMASTER” IS TO ENHANCE THE quality of something already created. So how do you improve on a quarter century reputation of award-winning golf that was created by a renowned course architect, is located in the Pinehurst area - the most revered, historic golf location in the U.S., and has had the unique distinction of being the first and only club to offer llama caddies to its players?

The answer is both simple and quite complicated: You restore and reimagine the entire on-course experience. You create a “New Course”.

The Resort Course at Talamore in Village of Pinehurst/Southern Pines area of North Carolina was designed by Rees Jones and opened to instant acclaim in 1991. Twenty-five years later, the 6840-yard, par 71 layout is still a relevant and

very popular course, hosting vigorous year-round play by member, locals and Resort guests.

The goal of the 25th anniversary Re-mastering Plan was to reimagine the tract through a clever combination of restoration and rejuvenation projects that unlock the course’s hidden potential. The project was executed by a huge team including course superintendent David Walsh and his staff and PGA professional and General Manager Matt Hausser. Alongside the Resort’s staff were the skilled crews of Shapemasters, a world class certified Golf Course builder that has worked for nearly every major modern era golf course designer including Jack Nicklaus, Rees Jones, Arnold Palmer, Pete and PB Dye, Tom Fazio and Greg Norman www.shapemasters.com.



The “New Course” is “greener” literally and figuratively with less bunkers, wider landing areas, more bail out areas around greens and ultimately better turf conditions.

Quite simply the “New Course” at Talamore gets kudos and a green thumbs up from every angle.

UNIQUE CHALLENGES INTRODUCED

At Talamore, “Scotland and the NC Sandhills Collide” with the addition of 12 strategically placed, old-world style sod wall bunkers. Talamore

is the only course in the Village of Pinehurst/Southern Pines area with multiple sod wall bunkers and soon to come sod wall bunker cams, providing a live feed of bunker action straight to the Clubhouse for spectator enjoyment.

ORIGINAL GREENS DESIGN HONORED THROUGH METICULOUS RESTORATION

Greens were restored to the original Rees Jones 1991 design, resulting in a 20 percent larger putting surface, and the addition of generous 60-inch Tift Eagle Bermuda green collars. The new Champion Bermuda putting surfaces will provide significantly better playing conditions than its bent grass predecessor and will put Talamore’s greens on par with the other top courses in the area that have already made the switch to Bermuda greens including Pinehurst #2, #8, CCNC, Pine Needles, Mid Pines and Tobacco Road.

PLAYABILITY AND PACE OF PLAY ENHANCED. SUSTAINABILITY EMBRACED

The “New Course” feels and is bigger with the fairways opened up, limited rough and the removal of excessive bunkering, with 75% of all bunkers eliminated. Improved cart access and the reshaping of certain areas to help cart flow will increase pace of play by at least 30 minutes per round.

