Darlington Country Club Unveils Redesigned Golf Holes for 60th Southern 500 Golf Invitational

Darlington, SC, August 28, 2024 – The <u>Darlington Country Club</u> is proud to announce the completion of a significant redesign of holes 15, 16, and 17, just in time for the 60th edition of the Southern 500 Golf Invitational. The renovations, officially unveiled during a ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 21, 2024, have transformed these key sections of the course, elevating it to one of the premier golf layouts in the region.

The redesign project was led by renowned golf architect Richard Mandell, known for his expertise in revitalizing classic courses while preserving their original charm. The renovations involved extensive planning and execution, resulting in a more challenging and visually stunning experience for golfers.

Mandell stated that the Darlington Country Club owner's vision was to "make Darlington Country Club an anchor for the Town of Darlington, put it on the map design-wise so that other people could look at Darlington Country Club and look at the Town of Darlington and be impressed and know that there's something here that's special." In addition, Darlington Country Club owners and staff thanked the talented contractor, Bill Nelson, from Little River, SC, for his incredible work and dedication to this project.

Timmy and Nancy Huntley, owners of Darlington Country Club, club members, and guests attended the ribbon-cutting event. The redesigned holes are expected to become a focal point for golfers and visitors, offering a unique blend of challenge and beauty. The improvements made under the Huntleys' leadership reflect their ongoing commitment to enhancing the club's facilities and providing an exceptional golfing experience.

With the course renovations complete, all eyes turned to the 60th edition of the Southern 500 Golf Invitational, which took place this past weekend, from Friday to Sunday, August 23-25, 2024. As South Carolina's most historic and longest-running amateur golf tournament, the Southern 500 Invitational has long been a highlight of the state's golfing calendar.

Congratulations to Zach Herold from Lexington, SC, on his impressive victory! He and three-time defending champion Jamie Stanley put on a thrilling performance during the final round on Sunday, showcasing their exceptional skill and competitive spirit. Herold birdied the 54th and final hole on Sunday to defeat Stanley by one shot.

The excitement surrounding the Southern 500 Golf Invitational leads into another significant event—the 75th running of the Cook Out Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway, scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 1-3, 2024. Known as one of NASCAR's crown jewel events, the Southern 500 is famous for its challenging course and reputation as the "Track Too Tough to Tame."

With these two historic events back-to-back, Darlington, SC, is set to offer an unparalleled experience for sports enthusiasts and visitors, celebrating the rich tradition and community spirit that defines this region.

About Darlington Country Club:

Established in 1926, the Darlington Country Club has long been a community cornerstone, renowned for its commitment to excellence. The club boasts an array of amenities that attract both members and visitors, making it a premier destination in the region. Its picturesque 18-hole golf course, nestled along the scenic banks of Black Creek, offers a challenging and rewarding experience for golfers of all levels. Beyond the course, the club features an Olympic-sized swimming pool, tennis and pickleball courts, and a newly renovated clubhouse. This spacious facility is perfect for hosting various events, from weddings to corporate gatherings, enhancing the club's reputation as a versatile and welcoming venue.