

The King and Prince Celebrates 75 Years

By David Daubert



Less than an hour north of the Georgia/Florida border lies the Golden Isles, a group of barrier islands known for their natural beauty and many recreational activities. The King and Prince Beach & Golf Resort on historic St. Simon's Island is celebrating its Diamond Anniversary as one of America's legendary gems of fine southern hospitality. The Resort is on the National Register of Historic Places and a member of Historic Hotels of America.

The King and Prince is the island's only oceanfront full-service resort.

Among its many amenities is the Royal Treatment Cottage, a separate and quiet home, offering traditional and customized massage therapies plus its romantic Massage-for-Two Suite. A magnificent white sand beach (no tarballs here) on the Atlantic Ocean with catamaran and kayak rentals available, clay surface tennis courts, indoor and outdoor pools, and a complete fitness facility are just steps from your stay.

The Resort has 198 accommodations including the Private Homes of The King & Prince, two and three bedroom beachfront Villas, six specialty suites, and the beautifully decorated and comfortable rooms of the Oceanfront, featuring patios or balconies to view the Atlantic, listen to the surf and enjoy



the sea breeze. You can even take a step back in time and stay in the newly renovated rooms of the historic section or choose a Cabana room with a parlor and private seaside patio overlooking the Ocean. No matter what your choice, your stay at The King and Prince will be a royal delight. The Resort Concierge can assist you with island tours, local specialty shopping, historic sites and museums scattered around the island and direct you to the picturesque miles of walking and bike paths. The Resort

has St. Simon's only oceanfront dining as well serving breakfast, lunch and dinner daily.

The King and Prince Golf course is just a short ride from the Resort and home of the gated residential Hampton Club at the northernmost reaches of the island. The award winning golf course was designed by the late great Joe Lee and recently went through a \$3.6 million renovation by Atlanta based Billy Fuller Golf Group. The attractive clubhouse, overlooking the 9th and 18th holes, houses the well stocked pro shop and a restaurant. There is a large target driving range along with practice areas for your short game. Matt Evans, the Head Professional, and the entire King & Prince staff are there to make your golf experience a memorable one. As we started our round we were met by a few of the local residents who were there again when we completed the last hole to make sure we had a great round. I believe their names were Buck, Doe and Fawn.

The parklike front nine is bordered by majestic forests of oak and pine trees and as picturesque as any course I have played on the eastern seaboard. You have to stay in the fairways to enjoy low numbers here. My biggest challenge was the dogleg left par 4 ninth with a carry over a lake, not once but twice. Needless to say I was swimming to the green. The same lake comes into play on the tee shot on the 10th. The course changes to the marshlands from the 12th to the 15th holes, where you play on islands that have been carved out of the marsh. For you history buffs the 'Battle of Bloody Marsh' was fought between the British and Spanish forces on St. Simons in 1742, and although my encounter within the marshes did not determine the control of Georgia, it was a battle that I am proud to say I won. This is one experience I will not soon forget. To enjoy your own King & Prince experience you can go to www.KINGandPRINCE.com or call 1-800-342-0212.



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