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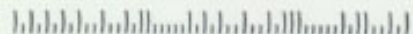
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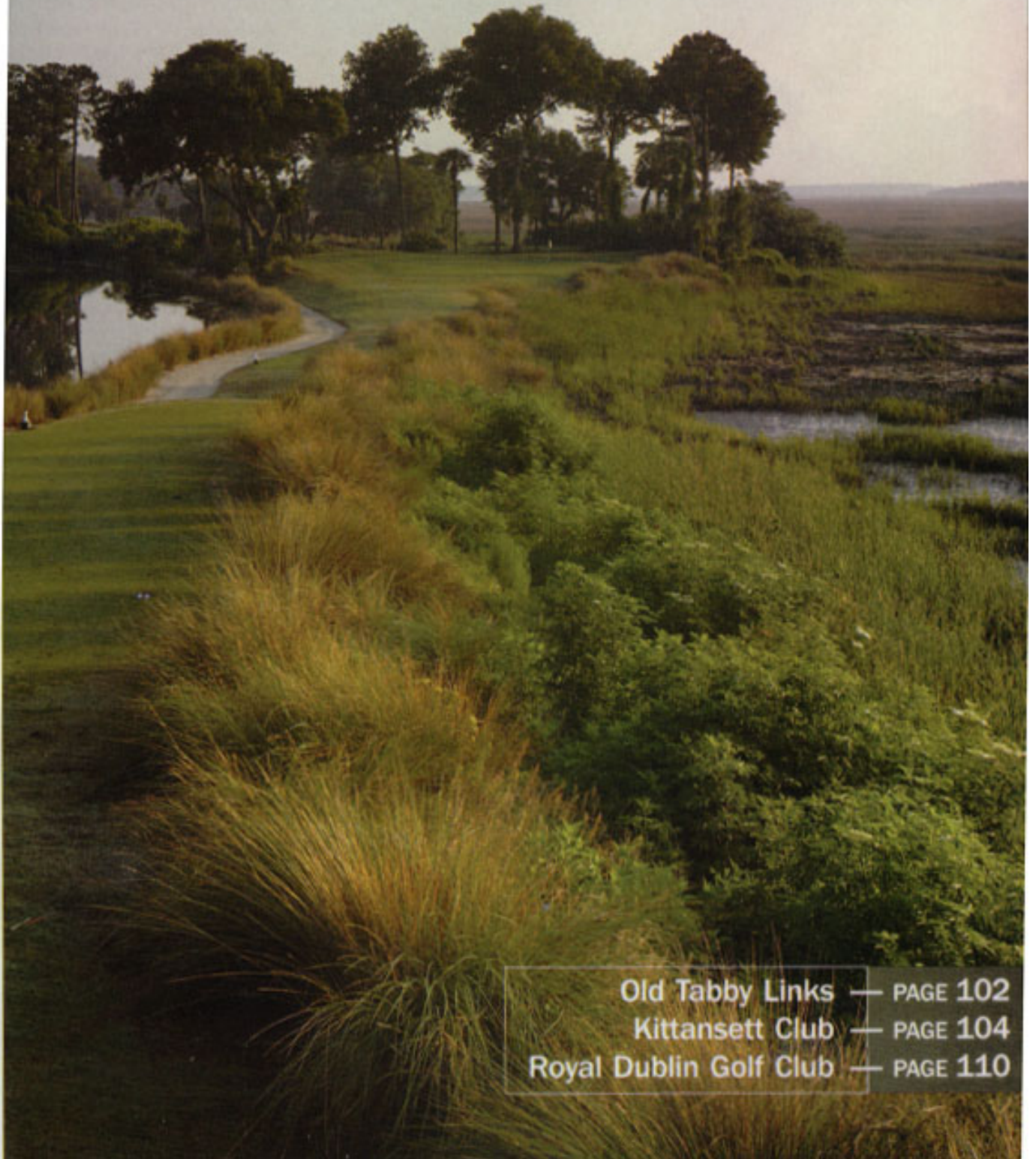
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# Old Tabby Links

SPRING ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

Natural, undisturbed space is the star at this demanding coastal layout on an island sanctuary  
*by Allen Allnoch · photography by L.C. Lambrecht*



**S**pring Island's developers refer to their 3,000-acre island as a park with a community in its midst. More than 1,200 of those acres are dedicated to nature preserves and open space, and the Arnold Palmer/Ed Seay-designed Old Tabby Links often feels more like a wildlife refuge than a golf course, as players share the course with more than 600 species of flora and a variety of fauna like wild turkeys, deer, quail, bobcats and eagles.

Winding 7,004 yards through maritime

forest and open marshland, Old Tabby is named for the ruins of a Civil War-era plantation house that lie near the 9th green. At the picturesque, intimidating par-3 17th hole, built on a narrow spit of land between a spring-fed pond and the Chechessee River, it can seem like all the island's more than 300 species of birds and other wildlife are present—the singing herons, anhingas and egrets nest and form a gallery like none other in golf.

#### Old Tabby Links

SPRING ISLAND, S.C.

Par: 72 Yardage: 7,004

Year founded: 1992

Architects: Arnold Palmer

& Ed Seay

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The island green at the 377-yard 15th is framed by a wall of tabby, a concrete made of lime, sand and oyster shells that was a common building material in the Lowcountry. Opening page: Old Tabby's par-3 17th.

