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Hilton Head goes to the Head of the Golf Class

Island is crowded with great golf courses

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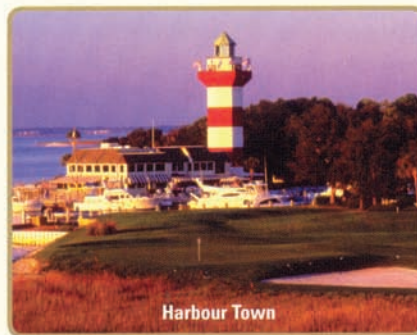
HILTON HEAD, SOUTH CAROLINA—When it comes to golf vacations, some Canadian know how is making Canadian travelers feel right at home on this treasured South Carolina island.

Ken Taylor, a Toronto developer who arrived on Hilton Head in 1982, and his family throw out the welcome mat for Canadians and many other northern golfers at their eight excellent Spinnaker Resort properties that are scattered about this most famous of southern golf retreats.

Spinnaker Resorts helps make this exclusive island getaway a lot more accessible for travelers with very affordable golf packages, which includes accommodation in one of Spinnaker's spacious villas that can sleep up to eight people.

That helps dispel the impression most people have about Hilton Head being too high end.

While this sun drenched island is just 42-



square miles in size it boasts over 25 golf courses and Spinnaker Resorts can get you on most of them. The resort's golf director will even make it possible for you to play some of the island's most exclusive layouts.

"We're seeing a lot more Ontario and Quebec

cars in our parking lot," said Carolyn Oliver, Ken Taylor's daughter and one of the family members who helps run the massive complex, which includes 500 villas and a hotel. The latest addition to the sprawling Spinnaker complex will be the 202-unit Bluewater Resort, which will open in April, 2007.

Some of the great courses Hilton Head offers includes Cupp's Palmetto Hill Plantation; George Fazio's Palmetto Dunes; Sea Marsh at Sea Pines; Arthur Hill's Palmetto Hall Plantation; and of course Harbour Town, the Jack Nicklaus/Pete Dye masterpiece.

Then there's South Carolina National; Sea Pines; the Country Club of Hilton Head; Robert Trent Jones at Palmetto Dunes; Planter's Row; Eagles' Pointe; Ocean Creek; Ocean Point and Oyster Reef, just to name a few. •