'Teeing it up' in Brunswick

For golfers, Brunswick County presents more than just a challenging course. It offers courses which rank among the best in the nation.

Two additions this year -- The Players Club at St. James Plantation and Carolina National Golf Club at Winding River Plantation -- add to the wide selection of outstanding courses in the Southport-Oak Island area. A mild year-round climate helps to enhance the experience.

Carolina National Golf Club

Carolina National Golf Club at Winding River Plantation is PGA champion Fred Couples' first Carolinas course. Five sets of tees test golfers of all abilities. Currently the back nine holes are open for play and the front nine will follow in July or August. Upon completion, Carolina National will have 27

The course is carved out of rolling hills and marshland with the signature hole, the 14th, overlooking the Lockwood Folly River. The nine holes measure 3,507 yards from the back tees, 3,006 from the blue tees and 2,678 from the front tees. Rates are \$15 Monday through

Thursday for nine holes and \$30 for 18 holes. Fees are \$17.50 for nine holes Friday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays and \$35 for 18 holes. All rates include cart rental.

For information or to reserve tee times, call 910-755-5200 or 1-888-200-6455. Carolina National is located at Winding River Plantation west of Southport off N. C. 211 at Goley Hewett Road.

Oak Island Golf Club

This par-72 course measures 6,608 vards from the championship tees

and 6,135 from the regular men's tees. Because of the prevailing southwest wind the toughest holes are the par-four, 426-yard ninth hole and the par-five, 553-yard 18th hole.

It has a slope of 128 and a rating

Regular rates for carts and greens fees in April are \$32 for 18 holes and \$19 for nine. In May, rates are \$34 and \$20. From June to August, rates are \$38 and \$20. In September, rates are \$34 and \$20.

The clubhouse is located on Caswell Beach Road about a halfmile past its intersection with Yaupon Drive in Yaupon Beach. For information or tee times, call

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- Brunswick County High School
- March 30-May 16 "Debut of Spring" Judged Show
- May 18-June 27 "Earth, Fire, Wind & Water" Member Exhibit
- June 118 Brunswick County Photo Contest
- July FAug. 1 "July 4th National Exhibit"
- April 25 "Art in the Park" Hands on Art & Entertainment for the Community

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