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## JULIE COLE JOINS THE GOLF LEARNING CENTER AT THE SEA PINES RESORT

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (June 27, 2019)** – Julie Cole—one of the LPGA's Top 50 Teachers—has joined The Golf Learning Center at <u>The Sea Pines Resort</u>. Cole, who played professionally and won 12 tournaments worldwide, brings more than 25 years of experience in teaching all aspects of the game.

Cole comes to The Sea Pines Resort from the Ballantyne Golf Academy in Charlotte, N.C., where she most recently served as Master Instructor. Her tenure at Ballantyne dates back to October 1997 when she was Director of Instruction and Managing Partner of the Dana Rader Golf School — a *Golf Magazine* Top 25 Golf School and a Golf Channel Academy.

"We are thrilled to bring in someone with the background and credentials Julie possesses," said Tim Cooke, Director of Instruction at The Golf Learning Center. "She has broad experience with juniors and adults alike and will help all players take their games to the next level."

Among her many awards and honors, Cole was named in 2017 to the inaugural list of the LPGA Top 50 Teachers, presented by *Women's Golf Journal*. For the past eight years, she also has been named one of the best teachers in North Carolina by *Golf Digest*.

"In addition to personal instruction, Julie will also focus on expanding Sea Pines Resort's women's golf schools and clinics," said Cary Corbitt, Vice President, Sports & Operations, The Sea Pines Resort.

Cole played professionally on the Futures, European, and Asian tours before qualifying for the LPGA Tour in 1985. In 1987, she posted four top 10 finishes and was No. 47 on the money list.

The Findlay, Ohio, native enjoyed an outstanding athletic career in high school and earned basketball and golf scholarships to Ohio University, where she graduated in 1975. She went on to establish the Julie Cole Charity Golf Classic in Findlay, which recently celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Sea Pines Resort features three championship golf courses, including Habour Town Golf Links, a Pete Dye design that is home to the PGA Tour's RBC Heritage tournament; Heron Point, a meticulous redesign by Dye; and Atlantic Dunes, a Davis Love III design that captures the beachfront ambience and unmistakable Lowcountry feel.

For more information about The Golf Learning Center at The Sea Pines Resort, visit <a href="https://www.seapines.com/golf/instruction/the-golf-learning-center">www.seapines.com/golf/instruction/the-golf-learning-center</a>.

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## **About The Sea Pines Resort**

Situated on the southernmost tip of Hilton Head Island, the legendary Lowcountry destination features five miles of unspoiled beaches, 20 clay tennis courts, 14 miles of bike and walking trails, horseback riding, Eco-Adventures, water sports, and the 605-acre Sea Pines Forest Preserve filled with wildflowers, wetlands, and more than 130 species of birds. As the first Eco-planned destination in the U.S., The Sea Pines Resort has become the blueprint for numerous beach developments around the country. Guests can choose from an array of accommodations, including 300 villas, 100 rental homes, and the luxurious 60-room Inn & Club at Harbour Town, a Forbes Four-Star boutique hotel and Preferred Hotel Group member. The resort's best-in-class collection of golf courses, amenities, meeting facilities, and accommodations makes Sea Pines one of the most sought-after leisure and group destinations in America.