

Spring 2017

# Green Power



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## RBC Heritage Teed Up for Green Power Once Again

**Palmetto Electric Cooperative and Santee Cooper once again teamed up with the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing to power the 2017 tournament with 100 percent clean energy with Green Power.**

"The tournament was the first major Green Power event in South Carolina and, since that time, Palmetto Electric has become the largest cooperative provider of Green Power in the state, powering many special events, festivals and other environmentally conscious organizations."

—Berl Davis  
President & CEO,  
Palmetto Electric Cooperative

"Buying renewable energy has led us to implement a number of other environmental programs during tournament week. I'd like to send out a friendly challenge to other golf events across the state to make their greens even greener by purchasing Green Power."

—Steve Wilmont  
RBC Heritage Tournament Director

This marks the ninth consecutive year that Hilton Head's most famous golf tournament has selected renewable energy sources derived from landfill methane gas, solar and wind power, once again proving a long-term commitment to sustainable energy and protecting our environment. "Palmetto Electric, in partnership with Santee Cooper, was very excited to make the RBC Heritage Golf Tournament's greens even greener this year," said Berl Davis, president and CEO of Palmetto Electric Cooperative.

With social and environmental responsibility being a common interest for all tournament stakeholders, the RBC Heritage took a major leadership role in sustainability efforts this year. These efforts were the result of a 2016 sustainability review with a goal to become one of the first events on the PGA TOUR to achieve certification from the Golf Environment Organization.

In addition to purchasing Green Power for the event, RBC Heritage also dedicated space for a Green Power booth on The Heritage Lawn, near the 18th fairway, that educated spectators about renewable energy benefits. Patrons were also invited to join the "Keeping it Green" campaign. Some of the ways in which patrons were encouraged to play their part included using the free bicycle parking at the event and the 100 recycling bins across the course. There were also Zero Waste volunteers assisting patrons to correctly dispose of the compostable and recyclable catering packaging. In addition, RBC offset carbon emissions from the event and unused food was donated to local charity Second Helpings.

In addition to the RBC Heritage's sustainable efforts, the event's host, The Sea Pines Resort, was also recognized as part of the community portfolio of 15 Hilton Head Island area golf facilities which won the 2017 award from IAGTO, the Global Organization for Golf Tourism.



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## Other SC Special Events Going Greener!

The RBC Heritage isn't the only special event in South Carolina that has recognized the benefits of using Green Power! Check out these other recent and upcoming events that are choosing to use 100 percent renewable energy sources.

**May 20-21**  
**Blue Crab Festival**  
**LITTLE RIVER**

This is one of the most popular festivals in the southeast and 100 percent of the festival's power was derived from renewable resources.



**July 1**  
**Riverfest**  
**CONWAY**



Celebrating the beauty of Historic Conway's lovely riverfront, Riverfest will feature live entertainment, an Artisan Market, a Business Expo, Kids Zone and great food! For more information, visit [www.conwayriverfest.com](http://www.conwayriverfest.com).

**June 2**  
**Riverfest**  
**MYRTLE BEACH**



This golfing event, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Carolina Forest, raised funds for elementary school projects at Carolina Forest, Ocean Bay, River Oaks and Waccamaw Elementary Schools.

**Make your next event a Green Power Event! Call Santee Cooper at 843-347-3399 ext. 3205 or contact your local cooperative.**

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## SC Higher Education Institutions Powered by Renewable Energy:

### Coastal Carolina University and Trident Technical College, Berkeley Embrace Green Power

#### Coastal Carolina University

“Being a ‘green campus’ is certainly part of the mission/ vision of Coastal Carolina University,” said Rein Mungo, Director of Facilities Planning & Management at Coastal Carolina University. “In 2010, President David A. DeCenzo, signed the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment, setting forth a plan for Coastal Carolina University to build responsibly, encourage the use of sustainable transportation, and reduce the overall amount of greenhouse gas emissions produced.”

Rein said part of Coastal’s green initiatives include:

- The continued purchase of renewable energy with Green Power, as well as being an EPA Green Power Partner.
- The construction of LEED Certified Buildings across the campus that include 5 Gold, 2 silver, and 5 registered with the United States Green Building Council. LEED certified buildings are built to be resource efficient structures, using less water and energy.

- Established in 2005, Sustain Coastal is an on-campus organization at Coastal Carolina University that coordinates sustainable services that include recycling, food waste composting, paper towel composting, water refill stations, conservation, alternative transportation, as well as educational programs and outreach events. Student volunteers are the cornerstone of Sustain Coastal as they also partner with educators to bring the classroom experience to the field. For more information visit, [www.coastal.edu/sustain](http://www.coastal.edu/sustain).

#### Trident Technical College Berkeley Campus

“Trident Technical College tries to do everything possible to be a responsible member of the community and that includes a keen focus on our environmental impact,” said Karen Wrighten, Dean, Berkeley Campus of Trident Technical College. “With each new project we seek to reduce our carbon footprint, encourage conservation of resources and promote sustainability.”

Wrighten said that some of the recent sustainable efforts at the Berkeley Campus of Trident Tech include:

- The recent purchase of Green Power.
- The recent addition of a solar project using an upscale pergola—a garden feature that forms a shaded walkway, passageway and sitting area which also has the added feature of being water tight; water won’t drop down between the panels. The pergola features bifacial solar panels with a shelter/sitting area. The panels reflect light and have a “pleasing” aesthetic look and the shelter includes a table with charging stations for phones, iPads and laptops. The pergola was constructed by Florian Company located right down the road in Georgetown.



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