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## **The Jekyll Island Authority Names Employee of 30 Years Newest Golf Club Manager and Recently Promotes New Golf Pro**

**JEKYLL ISLAND, March 1, 2011-** The Jekyll Island Authority recently promoted Rob Ellis, former Assistant Golf Professional at the Jekyll Island Golf Club to Head Golf Professional and has named Clubhouse Manager, Jody O'Neill the Golf Club's newest Golf Club Manager. Both Jody and Rob have had long standing involvement with the Jekyll Island Golf Club and the golf business in general.

Jody O'Neill has worked for the Jekyll Island Golf Club for the past 30 years. Prior to her recent promotion as Golf Club Manager, O'Neill began working in the Golf Course Maintenance division of the Jekyll Island Authority, then quickly transferred to the Golf Club. O'Neill held the Assistant Golf Professional position from 1982 to 2002 and became the Clubhouse Manager in 2002. She has successfully completed the PGA Business School One and has assisted former Jekyll Island Golf Club Head Golf Professional Harry Kicklighter in organizing annual tournaments and events on Jekyll Island's four championship courses.

"Being a part of the Jekyll Island Golf Club for so many years has been an incredibly rewarding experience," stated O'Neill. "My transition into Golf Club Manager will be a smooth one and I plan to continue managing the Golf Club to moving forward in a successful direction."

Rob Ellis has been at the Jekyll Island Golf Club since the beginning of December and previously worked at the Club for 10 months in 2006. Ellis has completed the PGA Program, which covers all aspects of the golf business, as well as the Sea Island Apprentice Program. Before settling into his newest position at the Jekyll Island Golf Club, Rob worked for Sea Island as Assistant Golf Professional and has experience as an Instructor at the PGA Tour Academy at TPC Sawgrass.

"I am really excited to bring some new, fresh ideas to an already well oiled machine," stated Ellis. "I'm looking forward to implementing weekly member clinics on Wednesday mornings and hopefully, daily clinics for island guests."

"Both Jody and Rob have done outstanding work for the Jekyll Island Golf Club. They are both extremely dedicated to their respective positions within the Jekyll Island Authority," stated JIA Executive Director, Jones Hooks. "Jody's long standing commitment to customer service teamed with her management expertise along with Rob's knowledge of new training concepts will surely improve our already successful Golf Club. I'm proud to have them on staff and look forward to seeing their continued progress in golf operations and management at our courses."

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