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50 years later, PGA Golf Pro makes The Reserve home
Golf Hall of Famer Hubie Smith returns to the Carolinas

SUNSET, SC, March 31, 2009 –You might think that someone whose first taste of living in the Carolinas was with U.S. Army at Fort Bragg would not choose to return to this region for retirement. Not so for Hubie Smith, who moved to The Reserve at Lake Keowee with his wife Pamela in 2005.

“I ended up right where I wanted to be,” says Smith, who grew up in Tennessee and, after an illustrious career as a PGA Professional, was inducted into the PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame. “I always liked the Carolinas with the hardwood trees and four seasons, each with three months. Back in my Army days, I used to hitchhike through the Blue Ridge Mountains and just thought it was beautiful.”

That was back in the early 1950s and it would be several decades before Hubie had another chance to live in the Carolinas (for just one year in 1973 when he was golf and tournament director at the world famous Pinehurst Country Club). But in the 50 years between the Army and his arrival at The Reserve, Smith carved out a golf career that was nothing short of remarkable.

The first scholarship golfer ever at Tennessee Tech, he began his life in golf as a caddy before turning pro in 1958. Along the way, Smith was head professional for a decade at the Arnold Center Golf Club in Tullahoma, Tennessee and director of golf for 15 years at The Concord Resort & Golf Club in New York’s Catskill Mountains.

Awards and accomplishments piled up over the years. In 1969, Smith was named National PGA Golf Professional of the Year, was a multiple winner of the Tennessee PGA Player of the Year award, and was the National Seniors Open Champion in 1995. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2005.

“It’s pretty humbling when you look at the names in there—Hogan, Snead, Nelson,” Smith says. “There’s not that many in there. It’s the greatest award they can offer a PGA member. It made you feel pretty little to be among those names.”

When Smith retired from The Concord Resort in 1988, he and Pamela moved full time to Scottsdale, Arizona, where they had lived in golf's off-season. But he had an itch to get out of the desert and back to the mountains he so fondly remembered. They also wanted to find a place that they could live all year round and not have to maintain two homes. So Hubie and Pamela came to the Carolina mountains to look at some other private communities. After four days looking at alternatives, they visited The Reserve.

"We liked it right away," says Smith. "We liked the feel of the place and the financial commitment. We thought it was the best spot in the whole country for year round living. And now that we're here, we love everything about The Reserve, especially the people. They are just great. I have to say this is the best place we have ever been, period. Great golf, great friends!"

The weather was also a determining factor for the Smiths.

"The weather is always better here. That's why the Cherokee were here. They knew where to be," says Smith, who is part Cherokee himself.

Like many others at the lake, it seems Hubie and Pam Smith also knew where to be.

About The Reserve at Lake Keowee

Created by Greenwood Communities and Resorts, The Reserve at Lake Keowee is a 3,900-acre, private lakefront resort community near Greenville, SC and Clemson University. Located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains with over 30 miles of shoreline, The Reserve is the ideal place for family boating, swimming, hiking, golfing, fishing, water skiing and all things outdoors. A Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course highlights more than \$100 million of amenities already in place, including a 200-slip marina, a 20,000-square-foot clubhouse, village center, trails, pool complex, tennis courts, a fitness center and guest suites. Homesites begin at \$200,000 including membership and range to over \$1.5 million. For more information, call 1.877.922.LAKE (5253) or visit www.ReserveAtLakeKeowee.com.

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