



PALMETTO DUNES™

OCEANFRONT RESORT

H I L T O N H E A D I S L A N D

MEDIA CONTACT:

Jennifer Abshire Patterson - Abshire Public Relations - 912.695.7881 - abshirepr@bellsouth.net

Susan Hancock - Abshire Public Relations - 912.844.9549 - susan@abshirepr.com

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort Honored in Top 5 Ranking by Tennis Resorts Online

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (May 18, 2009) – Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island, S.C. has been ranked the #5 tennis resort in the world by Tennis Resorts Online in the Web site's 10th annual survey.

For 2009, Tennis Resorts Online asked players to assess resorts in 20 categories ranging from children's programs to value. This honor makes Palmetto Dunes a Gold Medal Resort and moves this award-winning vacation destination up from last year's overall ranking at #9.

“We're delighted to be honored by Tennis Resorts Online and by players who have enjoyed our programs, facilities and instruction,” said John Kerr, director of tennis at Palmetto Dunes. “We have a passion for tennis and it shows.”

For more than 30 years, the Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center has set the standard for world-class tennis instruction. The Tennis Center features 23 clay courts and two Nova ProBounce courts, eight of which are conveniently lighted for night play, as well as sought-after instructors and acclaimed tennis programs. The Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center has been ranked among the “50 Greatest Tennis Resorts” by *Tennis Magazine*, since the ranking's inception in 1975.

The center's instructional programs have been strategically designed for players of every age and skill level. The Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center offers outstanding instructional programs for juniors as well as clinics, private lessons, adult programs and round robin events. From March to October, the Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center also features a weekly exhibition and happy hour, as well as a weekly demonstration day.

Director of tennis John Kerr heads a staff of six full-time professionals, including head pro Brian Kiggans, who spent 15 years at South Beach Racquet Club in Sea Pines, Jackie Reynecke, who directs all tournament events including the annual Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort Banana Open Challenge, and Mary Jackson who helps to coordinate group and package programs and social activities. For more information about the Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center, please call (843) 785-1152 or visit www.palmettodunes.com online.

(more)

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort offers year-round accommodations and vacation packages, plus a wide range of resort activities including golf, tennis, biking, kayaking and much more. For reservations or additional information, please call (800) 827-3006 or visit www.palmettodunes.com online.

About Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort

A 2,000+ acre resort stretching from three miles of prime Atlantic Ocean beach to Shelter Cove Harbour's "sheltered" inlet adjoining the Intracoastal Waterway on Hilton Head Island, S.C., Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort is consistently recognized among the world's finest resorts. The resort features three world-class golf courses, an award-winning tennis center, plus an 11 mile inland salt-water lagoon system for kayaking and fishing. The resort also features a popular marina and Outfitters bike and adventure shop, along with one of the best beaches on the Eastern seaboard. Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, one of the finest ports of call on the East Coast, is the largest deep-water marina on Hilton Head Island. Shelter Cove features an impressive line-up of unique apparel and gift shops, restaurants and art galleries in a one-of-a-kind Mediterranean setting. In addition, Shelter Cove is home to a full variety of charters, nature cruises, dolphin tours, sport crabbing and fishing. Shelter Cove is located mid-island on the western side of Hwy. 278 at the entrance to Palmetto Dunes Resort. For information about activities or reservations, please call 800-827-3006 or visit www.palmettodunes.com online.

About Greenwood Communities and Resorts

A recognized leader in the design, management and operation of fine resorts and communities across the Southeast, Greenwood Communities and Resorts excels at creating gracious, contemporary living environments that enrich the lives of owners and guests. Based in Greenwood, S.C., Greenwood Communities and Resorts proudly celebrates 30 years of developing properties which offer truly unique lifestyle opportunities. Each Greenwood property has been strategically designed to maximize the area's natural beauty while steadfastly incorporating the principles of intelligent, sustainable land planning. From the rural charm of Liberty Hill Farms in Camden, S.C. to the luxury beachfront resort setting at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island, Greenwood's properties are as unique as the residents who enjoy them. For more information, please call 843-785-1106 or visit www.greenwoodcr.com online.

###