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### **Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center Earns 2009 Best of Hilton Head Island Award**

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (November 10, 2009)** – The [Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center](#), an award-winning tennis facility at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island, S.C. recently earned the U.S. Commerce Association’s 2009 Best of Hilton Head Island Award in the Tennis Courts category.

“We offer an outstanding tennis experience for our guests and our members,” said John Kerr, Director of Tennis at Palmetto Dunes. “When it comes to Hilton Head tennis, our facility truly is second to none.”

Currently ranked # 5 in the world by Tennis Resorts Online, the Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center is home to some of the nation’s finest clinics, [camps](#) and instructional programs. The Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center has been consistently ranked in the Top 10 among the “50 Greatest Tennis Resorts” by *Tennis Magazine* since the ranking’s inception in 1975.

The Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center features 23 clay courts and two Nova ProBounce courts, eight of which are lighted for night play. The energetic staff, all tennis professionals and aficionados, lead a wide range of weekly programs, including [clinics](#), drill sessions and [daily round robin tournaments](#). From March to October, when Palmetto Dunes is in its peak season, the tennis center adds a weekly exhibition, happy hour and free demonstration day.

For more than 30 years, the Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center has earned the distinction of being a true leader in tennis instruction. The center’s instructional programs – which are among the most diverse in the nation – have been strategically designed for every age group and skill level.

Thanks to its unparalleled tennis facilities and world-class reputation for developing skilled tennis players, the Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center is continually sought out as the host facility of choice for a wide range of tennis tournaments and events. The tennis center hosts seven [tennis tournaments](#) between February and November. Every year, the tournaments draw tennis players of all ages and from a wide range of skill levels from across the United States.

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## **Tennis Award**

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The U.S. Commerce Association's "Best of Local Business" Award Program recognizes outstanding local businesses throughout the country. Each year, the U.S. Commerce Association identifies companies that they believe have achieved exceptional marketing success in their local community and business category. These are local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community.

Various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the winners in each category. The 2009 award program focused on quality, not quantity. Winners are determined based on the information gathered both internally by the U.S. Commerce Association and data provided by third parties.

Named the #1 Family Resort in the United States and Canada by *Travel + Leisure Family*, Palmetto Dunes is widely considered to be one of the finest resort destinations in the world and one of the best South Carolina beach resorts. For more information about Palmetto Dunes, please visit <http://www.palmettodunes.com> online or call 866-567-6513.

#### **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 866-567-6513 or visit <http://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 31 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 The Reserve at Lake Keowee in upstate South Carolina 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 <http://www.greenwoodcr.com> online.

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