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### **Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort to Host Golf Channel Amateur Tour on March 13 and 14**

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (February 17, 2010)** – Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort, a world-class vacation destination with three championship golf courses, will proudly host the Golf Channel Am Tour – Low Country MAJOR Championship on March 13-14. The tournament will be held on the acclaimed Robert Trent Jones Oceanfront Course and the popular Arthur Hills Course at Palmetto Dunes.

“We are excited here at Palmetto Dunes to partner with the Golf Channel to be a part of this nationally-recognized golf tournament,” said Bret Martin, vice president of resort operations at Palmetto Dunes. “Our courses have hosted many prestigious golf tournaments over the years and the Golf Channel Am Tour – Low Country MAJOR Championship is certainly among the best.

Over the past three years, the Golf Channel Am Tour has experienced remarkable growth with membership increasing from 3,500 to more than 5,000 members, local chapters throughout North America expanding from 39 to 60 and the number of local tournaments increasing from 550 to more than 800 in 2009. Participation in the season-ending National Championships has more than doubled since 2006, highlighted by the more than 1,200 members who competed at the 2009 National Championships in La Quinta, Calif.

As the largest amateur golf tour in North America, the Golf Channel Am Tour is open to the public and provides the most professional tournament experience for players of all ages and abilities, as well as offering unparalleled access to some of the most renowned and challenging golf courses across the country. The Golf Channel strives to provide a level of professionalism, customer service and hospitality comparable to that of the PGA Tour.

To become a member of the Golf Channel Amateur Tour, a fee of \$199 is required and is valid for a 12-month period from the date of registration. To register for the Low Country MAJOR Championship, please visit the official Tour website at [www.thegolfchannel.com](http://www.thegolfchannel.com). Online registration continues until March 7, 2010 at 12 p.m. EST. The tournament entry fee is \$295.

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**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.

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