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GOLFWEEK NAMES FOREST CREEK'S NORTH COURSE BEST NEW COURSE IN THE SOUTHEAST 6th Among "Top 50 New Courses" In America

PINEHURST, N.C. – - Earlier in the year, it had been named one of the "100 Best Modern Courses in America" by the same publication. So, it should come as no surprise that *Golfweek Magazine* has ranked the North Course at Forest Creek Golf Club as one of the "Top 50 New Courses" in the country, according to the Oct. 28th issue of the national golf news weekly.

The Tom Fazio-designed North Course ranked as the nation's sixth best new course opened in 2004-05, making it the highest ranked new course in the Southeast. The magazine's rankings reflect balloting by a nationwide panel of golf enthusiasts, who grade candidate courses in 10 separate voting categories before assigning a course an overall grade.

The North Course is the third private Tom Fazio design with Greenville, S.C.-based developer, N. Barton Tuck, Jr. This past summer, Bright's Creek Golf Club in Mill Spring, N.C., another Tuck development, opened the first of two Tom Fazio designs. The Bright's Creek course is being considered for Best New Course in America, for the '07 rankings.

Earlier this year, when *Golfweek* announced its annual ranking of "America's 100 Best Modern Courses," Forest Creek North debuted at No. 68, joining its older sibling in the elite list. Forest Creek's original South Course, also designed by Fazio, is ranked 96th in the country, just 0.21 points back of the North Course, underscoring the extremely tight competition the overall rankings represent. Forest Creek was the only property – private club, resort or daily-fee operation – to land more than one course in the top 100 list.

"When we brought Tom in to build the second course here at Forest Creek, we knew we were handing him a tough assignment – to create a course that would be a worthy complement to our original South Course, which was already ranked in the top 100 by *Golfweek*," said Tuck, developer and managing partner of the private residential community tucked into the North Carolina Sandhills. "But we knew Tom was more than equal to the challenge. What he helped create at Forest Creek is a club with two distinctively different style courses, yet an overall club with a quality that is unmatched in the area."

In its August 2006 issue, *GolfStyles Carolina* said, "The North," as compared to its older sister course, "features sprawling sandy waste areas along with deeper and more penal bunkering. The ragged

edges to the bunkers and the pine barrens feel have caused people to draw a parallel to Pine Valley, the perennial No. 1 course in the world.”

The magazine went on to say, “There have been dozens of courses built in the Pinehurst area since the death of Donald Ross, creator of the famed Pinehurst No. 2 and Pine Needles, in 1948. Yet, no course since that time has come close to the immediate acclaim for both the North and South courses at Forest Creek.”

Stretching 7,139 yards from the longest of five sets of tees, the North Course showcases its Sandhills environs in such a natural way that the golfer often feels he is playing land undisturbed by man or machine. The rolling contours of the site add to the beauty of the course, as well as its challenge. Adding to the “pure golf” experience of the North Course is the fact that there is no out of bounds. Further, there are no formal bunkers on the course; all sand is played “through the green.” Two par-fours, holes 15 and 17, are divided by a large, scenic lake – the only true water hazard on the course.

Forest Creek North was one of five courses from the two Carolinas to be named among the top 50 new courses in the country by *Golfweek*. It was the only course from North Carolina to make the top 20.

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About Forest Creek

Forest Creek Golf Club is a 1,265-acre private gated community located just three miles from the Village of Pinehurst, N.C. The development boasts two Tom Fazio equity membership golf courses, village and custom homes, a swim/tennis center, fitness center, hiking/biking trails, an exquisite architecturally-honored locker room, clubhouse and a new expanded clubhouse, which will open later next year. Membership is by invitation only and requires property ownership. www.forestcreekgolfclub.com.

About the Developer

Forest Creek Development, LLC is the developer of Forest Creek Golf Club and is located in Greenville, S.C. Company CEO N. Barton Tuck, Jr. has vast experience with golf courses and private real estate development, including the 5,000-acre Bright’s Creek Golf Club in the mountains of Western N.C.