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***GOLF DIGEST HONORS FOREST CREEK NORTH
Course Named Second 'Best New' Course In America***

PINEHURST, N.C. – The accolades continue to roll in for Forest Creek Golf Club.

Golf Digest, the magazine that popularized the ranking of the game's best courses, has named the North Course at Forest Creek as one of the best new courses in the country for 2006, according to an article by Architecture Editor Ron Whitten. Forest Creek North placed second in the private course category behind only The Concession Golf Club near Sarasota, Fla.

Whitten heads up the magazine's nationwide panel of voters who select America's top 100 courses biennially, in addition to the best new courses opened annually. A widely recognized expert on golf architecture and design, he has written several books on the subject, including two authoritative reference volumes co-authored with Geoffrey Cornish – *The Golf Course* and *The Architects of Golf*.

In his article announcing "America's Best New Courses 2006," Whitten described the North Course at Forest Creek as a course "whose fairways, edged by pine scrubs, sandy roughs and pine straw, capture the essence of Pinehurst, N.C."

The *Golf Digest* ranking comes on the heels of several similar honors from another national publication. Earlier this year, *Golfweek* named the North Course one of best new courses in the country and the highest ranked new course in the Southeast. And both the North and South Courses were named to *Golfweek's* 2006 list of top 100 modern courses, making Forest Creek the only private club in America with two courses ranked in that elite list.

Then, in November, *Golfweek* again honored Forest Creek Golf Club, ranking both of its courses in the top 30 of "America's 100 Best Residential Courses." No other club in the country placed two courses as high.

"Again, we are honored and very proud of the recognition Forest Creek is receiving from such respected publications," said N. Barton Tuck, Jr., developer and managing partner of the private residential club community located just three miles from the Village of Pinehurst. "To be selected as one of the very best new courses in the country by *Golf Digest* further underscores the quality of the overall club and especially the golf facilities we have here at Forest Creek."

Like the original South Course, the new North Course at Forest Creek was designed by Tom Fazio. The par-72 layout measures 7,139 yards from the championship tees, but can play as short as 5,170 yards from the most forward of five sets of markers.

Only courses opened between May 1, 2005 and April 30, 2006 could be candidates for "America's Best New Courses 2006." Members of the *Golf Digest* voting panel, comprised of more than 800 low-handicap golfers, judged courses in five categories – shot values, design variety, resistance to scoring, memorability and aesthetics.

The Forest Creek courses are two of five Fazio has designed for Tuck, whose development business is based in Greenville, S.C. Bright's Creek Golf Club, a Tuck development located in Mill Spring, N.C., very near Fazio's hometown of Hendersonville, opened to rave reviews this past summer. The Bright's Creek course is a contender for "America's Best New Courses 2007" and a second Fazio designed course has already been announced for the property.

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. To learn more, log on to 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 North Carolina.

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