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KIAWAH ISLAND GOLF RESORT RECEIVES SUPREME RANKING

ATHENS, Ga. – South Carolina's Kiawah Island Golf Resort recently earned the ranking of number one golf resort in the United States. *Travel + Leisure Golf* magazine listed Kiawah Island as their readers' top U.S. choice in their "2006 Reader Survey, World's Best Golf Resorts," September issue. The resort's Ocean Course, which features Sea Isle Supreme paspalum, is touted as the main attraction.

"The Ocean Course is one of the few golf courses in the United States in the true links style," said Golf Superintendent Jeff Stone. "And of course its extreme proximity to the ocean makes it so unique. No other course on the East Coast is located so close to the Atlantic."

Situated at the Eastern end of Kiawah Island, The Ocean Course negotiates along 2-3/4 miles of pristine oceanfront property. It offers panoramic views of the Atlantic Ocean from all 18 holes, with nine of those holes right on the shore. This ocean proximity is what made Sea Isle Supreme such an appealing turf choice for the Ocean Course, where it was installed on the greens in summer 2003 and then also on the new driving range tees this summer. Sea Isle Supreme is more salt tolerant than any other commercially grown paspalum and can tolerate most types of alternate water sources including wastewater, effluent gray water, brackish water and even ocean water/fresh water blends.

"Besides being the most conducive turf for our water type, Sea Isle Supreme gives the greens an overseeded appearance," said Stone. "And the quality of the grass has actually exceeded the expectations of our customers."

Designed by Pete Dye, the Ocean Course boasts a history of excellence as the home of the famed 1991 Ryder Cup. As renovations from the turf to the upcoming new clubhouse are completed, the Ocean Course continues to take center stage. It will again be in the golf spotlight in 2007 when the course will host the Senior PGA Championship.

Developed by Dr. Ron Duncan, former professor of Crop and Soil Sciences at the University of Georgia, USA, Sea Isle Supreme can be irrigated using alternate water sources including salt water and reclaimed water. This cutting-edge semi-dwarf seashore paspalum variety is the most salt tolerant of the other commercially grown paspalums. It's an ideal choice for golf course greens, fairways, tees and roughs. Sea Isle Supreme is available through the following farms within the Sea Isle Supreme Growers Association: Diamond Turf, Phillip Jennings Turf, Pike Creek Turf, SMR Farms, South Florida Grassing, and Southern Turf International. For more information, visit the Sea Isle Supreme Growers Association online at www.seaislesupreme.com.

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