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Granite Links Named “Course of the Year”

Quincy, MA – On Thursday, February 11, 2010, at the National Golf Course Owners Association Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA, Granite Links Golf Club will be recognized as winner of the organization’s “2010 Course of the Year” for the New England region.

The Course of the Year Award honors member clubs that demonstrate excellence across four criteria:

- Exceptional quality of the course,
- Exceptional management,
- Outstanding contribution to its community, and
- Significant contribution to the game.

Each NGCOA regional organization selects a Chapter Course of the Year and each is then considered a finalist for National Course of the Year. All winners are regarded as model operations to their peers.

Accepting the award for Granite Links will be Head Superintendent, Brad MacDonald, representing Granite Links’ general manager, Walter Hannon III, and club owners, William O’Connell, Peter O’Connell, Tom O’Connell and Charles Geilich, collectively of Quarry Hills Associates.

“We’re honored by this designation,” said Walter Hannon, “and pleased to be able send Brad to receive the award on our behalf. He and his team provide such great care and superlative maintenance to our course and we’re keenly aware that this is a critical contributing factor to all the wonderful recognition Granite Links has been getting.”

Kevin F. Osgood, President of the New England Golf Course Owners Association said, “Granite Links is to be commended for not just persevering during one of the most challenging economic times our industry has seen, but actually prospering and growing. It’s a real testament to the quality of golf experience they’re offering that demand for tee times has not waned and desire for new membership enrollments is still so strong.”

The NGCOA 2010 National Course of the Year winner is Industry Hills Golf Club at Pacific Palms, a 36-hole public/private resort facility in East Los Angeles that boasts 1,400 members and 90,000+ rounds. Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio, host of the World Golf Championship’s Bridgestone Invitational, is the winner of the Jemsek Award for Golf Course Excellence.

A complete list of 2010 Chapter winners includes:

California Golf Course of the Year - Industry Hills Golf Club at Pacific Palms
Charleston Golf Course of the Year - Dunes West Golf Club
Colorado Golf Course of the Year - Harmony Club
Florida Golf Course of the Year - Coral Ridge Country Club
Georgia Golf Course of the Year - RiverPines Golf
Indiana Golf Course of the Year - The Hawthorns Golf & Country Club

Lowcountry Golf Course of the Year - Arthur Hills Course at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort
Michigan Golf Course of the Year - Crystal Mountain Resort & Spa
Midwest Golf Course of the Year - Ridges at Sand Creek
Myrtle Beach Golf Course of the Year - Shaftesbury Glen Golf and Fish Club
Nevada Golf Course of the Year - Siena Golf Club
New England Golf Course of the Year - Granite Links Golf Club
New Jersey Golf Course of the Year - Atlantic City Country Club
Ohio Golf Course of the Year - River Greens Golf Course
PGO East Golf Course of the Year - Wyncote Golf Club
PGO West Golf Course of the Year - Birdsfoot Golf Club
Sandhills Golf Course of the Year - Seven Lakes Country Club
South Carolina Golf Course of the Year - Arthur Hills Course at Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort
Wisconsin Golf Course of the Year – SentryWorld

About Granite Links: Granite Links is a 27 hole championship golf course located 7 miles south of Boston offering Individual and Corporate memberships plus limited public play access. Shortly after opening, Granite Links was named a “Top Ten Best New Upscale Golf Course in the Country” by *Golf Digest*. Additional accolades later included “Four Star Best Places to Play” and “Top Fifty Best 19th Holes in America” and most recently, Granite Links made the publication’s list of the “[Top 100 Courses in America.](#)” The club was also named “Editor’s Pick-Best Daily Fee Properties” by *The Best of Northeast Golf Magazine* and “Top 25 All Fresco All Stars” by *Boston Magazine*. Two of these designations were for Granite Links’ food and beverage offerings via the club’s Tavern at Quarry Hills public restaurant and its private Members’ Grille.

About NGCOA: Established in 1979 and headquartered in Charleston, S.C., the NGCOA is the leading authority on the business of golf course ownership and management. The not-for-profit organization is the only trade association dedicated exclusively to golf course owners and operators representing a membership of more than 6,000 facilities and reaching an audience of more than 18,000 course owners and operators from those who run 9-hole facilities in rural locations to owners of the largest golf course portfolios in the most popular golf destinations, including daily-fee, semiprivate, private and resort courses. The Association serves as a resource for a critical need shared by all owners and operators in today’s ever-changing golf industry: information and inspiration on how to best operate their facilities.

About NEGCOA: The New England Chapter of the National Golf Course Owners Association is made up of over 200 golf course owners, operators and corporate members from Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont who are dedicated to promoting the game of golf, improving course conditions, and providing fun and appealing golf experiences for its customers. The NEGCOA and its members are always looking for better solutions, creative programs and ideas to help golfers enjoy the game more. The NEGCOA provides its member owners with on-going educational resources and advocacy.

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