



# BURROUGHS & CHAPIN COMPANY, INC.

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### **GRANDE DUNES RESORT CLUB HONORED BY SOUTH CAROLINA GOLF COURSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION (SCGCOA)**

#### **Grande Dunes Selected as “2008 South Carolina Golf Course of the Year”**

*August 30, 2008, Myrtle Beach, S.C.* – Representatives from Burroughs & Chapin Golf Management announced today that Grande Dunes Resort Club was selected as the “2008 South Carolina Golf Course of the Year” by the South Carolina Golf Course Owners Association (SCGCOA).

Grande Dunes is the seventh Grand Strand golf course to win since the state award was implemented in 1996. Past area courses to win include Burning Ridge – 2006; TPC – 2005; Wild Wing – 2002; Tradition Golf Club – 2000; Arrowhead Country Club - 1998 and King’s North at Myrtle Beach National – 1996. World Tour was named as the national “Golf Course of the Year” and is the only Grand Strand golf course to achieve that honor to date. Grande Dunes will compete against golf courses from across the country for the “National Golf Course Owners Association Golf Course of the Year” award.

To be considered for the “South Carolina Golf Course of the Year” award, a golf course must first win its regional Golf Course Owners Association title and then submit a presentation to the SCGOA Board. After capturing the “Myrtle Beach Area Golf Course of the Year” award, Grande Dunes advanced to the state level and competed against golf courses from the Upstate, Midlands, Charleston and Hilton Head regions.

The South Carolina Board of Directors selected Grande Dunes based on criteria established by the National and State Golf Course Owners Association that included exceptional quality of the

course, exceptional quality of the management, outstanding contribution to the community and significant contribution to the game of golf. The Grande Dunes Resort Club and Burroughs & Chapin Golf Management have helped raise hundreds of thousands of dollars for charities including The Make-A-Wish Foundation, Conway Medical Center, Victory Junction Gang, Special Olympics and Patriot's Golf Day. The Grande Dunes Resort Club is also committed to introducing the game to golfers of all ages through their active participation in Play Golf America and The First Tee of Myrtle Beach program.

"We are thrilled that Grande Dunes Resort Club was chosen as 'South Carolina's Golf Course of the Year,'" said Bob Swezey, executive vice president of golf and resort operations for Burroughs & Chapin Golf Management. "Winning this award is a tribute to the commitment, work ethic and sincerity by our Grande Dunes staff to deliver first-class service and amenities at an award-winning course.

"The South Carolina Golf Course Owners Association is honored to name Grande Dunes Resort Club as the '2008 South Carolina Golf Course of the Year,'" said Rock Lucas, president of the SCAGCOA. "Grande Dunes is an excellent representative of the quality of golf here in South Carolina. Grande Dunes faced strong competition from the South Carolina nominees but their heavy involvement in the Grand Strand community in addition to their contribution to the golf industry set them apart from the other courses."

#### **About Burroughs & Chapin Golf Management**

Burroughs & Chapin Golf Management, created in 2001 to provide operations and marketing services to golf course properties, is the Grand Strand's leading golf management company. Burroughs & Chapin Company has been an active member of the Myrtle Beach golf community for more than 40 years as the owner of Myrtlewood Golf Club, a 36-hole complex that opened in 1966. The company also developed and manages The Resort Club at Grande Dunes, which is on *Golf Magazine's* 2002 list of the top 10 courses in the nation you can play, as well as The Members Club at Grande Dunes, an exclusive private club. Burroughs & Chapin Company also owns the historic Pine Lakes Country Club, Myrtle Beach's first course and the birthplace of *Sports Illustrated* magazine. Pine Lakes will reopen in March 2009, after an extensive 20-month restoration project. The company manages Tidewater Golf Club, Farmstead Golf Links, Meadowlands Golf Club, and River Hills Country Club. The management group also handles two Par 3 courses and five themed mini-golf courses. For more information visit [BCGolfManagement.com](http://BCGolfManagement.com).

#### **About Burroughs & Chapin Company, Inc.**

Burroughs & Chapin Company's presence in Horry County began more than a century ago when Franklin G. Burroughs settled in nearby antebellum Conway. For more than 100 years, Burroughs & Chapin Company, Inc. and its founding families have participated in the unprecedented growth and development of Myrtle Beach and Horry County with an unwavering commitment to family values.

Burroughs & Chapin's residential developments include the award-winning Grande Dunes, a 2,200-acre four-star community stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to west across the Intracoastal Waterway. Burroughs & Chapin has created numerous commercial developments

offering national and regional name brand shopping. These include Broadway at the Beach – an award-winning 350-acre festival shopping, entertainment and dining complex surrounding the 22-acre Lake Broadway; Coastal Grand Mall, a one million square foot regional shopping mall joint ventured with CBL & Associates Properties of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Seaboard Commons; South Strand Commons; Arcadian Shores Commons; and many smaller “jewel box” centers.

A leader in golf and vacation packages, Burroughs & Chapin’s Myrtle Beach Trips offers visitors to Myrtle Beach and the Grand Strand the “one call” convenience of a direct connection to the most popular attractions and golf offerings in the area and packages them together in a variety of ways to suit different tastes and budgets. With one easy call to Myrtle Beach Trips at (888) 539-8862, visitors can unlock all the thrills and excitement of many of America’s favorite family seaside destinations in Myrtle Beach.

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