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South Carolina's Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association Announces 2013 Golf Course, Employee of the Year Awards

(HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C.) – South Carolina's Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association (LGCOA) -- a collection of more than 20 premier courses in Bluffton, Beaufort, Fripp Island, Jasper and Hilton Head Island -- announces Hampton Hall Golf Club and Lisa Dahlstrom as recipients of the 2013 Golf Course and Employee of the Year awards, respectively.

Hampton Hall Golf Club is honored the top LGCOA member award for all-around performance in guest service, operations, course conditions and financial returns. The 7,500-yard Pete Dye-signature course features five sets of tees, comprehensive practice facility and environmental sensitivity with an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary classification.

Located in Bluffton, the course is committed to growing the game by offering four "Get Golf Ready" sessions throughout the year as well as summer golf camp sessions, junior golf nights for families and after-school youth programs. Hampton Hall also hosts numerous community events benefitting local charities and military organizations

Lisa Dahlstrom, Director of Sales and Marketing of the Heritage Golf Collection, was named "Employee of the Year" for her professionalism, integrity and outstanding service.

Along with her duties spanning four clubs and seven courses, she has been instrumental in working with the "Hilton Head Island Celebrity Golf Tournament" that benefits 20 children's charities throughout

Beaufort County. She also plays a key role in fundraising for "Birdies for the Brave," a philanthropic initiative to support men and women in the armed services, home and abroad.

"We are incredibly proud of the 2013 award winners, as they provide the standard of excellence for all LGCOA members," says Cary Corbitt, President of the LGCOA and Vice President of Sports and Operations at Sea Pines Resort. "Both Hampton Hall and Lisa Dahlstrom had a tremendous impact on the golf industry in our region and serve as ideal examples for others to follow for years to come."

For additional information about Hilton Head Island or LGCOA: www.HiltonHeadGolfIsland.com, 800.523.3373.

About Hilton Head Golf Island

Hilton Head Golf Island features more than 20 member courses on Hilton Head and Fripp Islands, as well as Bluffton, Beaufort and Jasper counties. Golf enthusiasts can enjoy Hilton Head's Southern hospitality and world-class public and private designs sculpted by such vaunted architects as Pete Dye, Jack Nicklaus, Arthur Hills and Robert Trent Jones.

Its territory encompasses many of the great golf courses and resorts of North America and is ranked top 10 in seven categories by *Golf Digest* including "Best Buddies Trip Destination," "Best Accommodations," "Best Couples Trip," "Best Courses," "Best Food and Drink," "Best Weather" and "Best Value." Home to the world-renowned Sea Pines Resort, the PGA TOUR makes its only South Carolina stop each April at Harbour Town Golf Links for the RBC Heritage.

The Lowcountry Golf Course Owners Association, in conjunction with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Visitor and Conventions Bureau and Chamber of Commerce, launched Hilton Head Golf Island to support the island's thriving golf market through promotion of golf rounds and packages.

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