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**Kiawah Island Golf Resort is named  
No. 1 tennis resort in the world for third time  
by TennisResortsOnline.com**

KIAWAH ISLAND, SC (May 7, 2009) – For the third time in four years, the leading on-line tennis travel website, readers of TennisResortsOnline.com has named Kiawah Island Golf Resort as the No. 1 tennis resort in the world. The rankings are based on the overall tennis program including instruction, teaching staff, facilities, as well as other resort facilities such as lodging, cuisine, service and value. TennisResortsOnline.com rated Kiawah as the No. 1 resort in 2006 and 2007. In 2008, it dropped to No. 3 before returning to the top spot in the latest poll that was released this May.

Under the direction of Roy Barth since 1976, the tennis program at Kiawah Island has become one of the finest tennis programs in the country. The combination of Barth's teaching experience and professional background has made him an integral part of Kiawah's tennis programs. Barth played professionally for seven years during which time he was ranked in the top 50 in the world and competed against such tennis greats like Borg and Connors. In 1990, he was awarded the PTR Pro of the Year, in 1997, Barth was inducted into the South Carolina Tennis Hall of Fame, and in 1999, he was inducted into the Southern Tennis Hall of Fame. He is currently Chairman of the United States Tennis Association (USTA) Davis Cup Committee.

Guests of Kiawah Island Golf Resort can enjoy two separate tennis facilities: West Beach Tennis Center and the Roy Barth Tennis Center near the resort's oceanfront hotel and spa, The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort. West Beach features 14 Har-Tru clay courts, two lighted hard courts and a backboard. Guests at The Sanctuary are steps away from the East Beach tennis facility that has nine Har-Tru clay courts (one lighted) and three hard courts (one lighted), as well as a zoned practice court with a ball machine and automatic retrieval system. Both clubs offer fully staffed pro shops, complete instructional facilities, and are beautifully landscaped with lush shrubbery separating the courts for privacy.

Located along 10 miles of pristine beach just south of Charleston, SC, Kiawah Island Golf Resort is rated as one the country's top golf resort by *GOLF* and *Golf Digest* magazines. Accommodation options include The Sanctuary – a AAA Five Diamond and Mobil Five Star-rated, 255-room hotel and spa – and 600 private villas and luxury homes. The resort has five championship golf courses, including The Ocean Course – host of the 1991 Ryder Cup, the 2007 Senior PGA and 2012 PGA championships. The resort also features 10 miles of pristine Atlantic beach, named by Dr. Stephen Leatherman (aka "Dr. Beach) as one of the top 10 beaches in the

U.S., nine restaurants, and features a renowned recreation and nature program. For more information, visit [www.kiawahresort.com](http://www.kiawahresort.com) or call 800-654-2924.

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