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Island View Casino Resort's Windance Country Club Among Golfweek's "Best Courses"

GULFPORT – Island View Casino Resort's Windance Country Club – a Mark McCumber-designed golf course located in Gulfport, Miss. – was recently distinguished by Golfweek as one of "America's Best Courses You Can Play" by state for 2010.

The 18-hole, championship golf course was included in a list of 10 courses located in Mississippi by the national sporting magazine. Windance, which included in the "Modern Course" category, was among more than 2,200 courses nationwide that were ranked by 475 evaluators on 10 standards established by the publication.

"It is an honor for Island View Casino Resort to have Windance included on this distinguished list of America's Best Courses. Golfweek's recognition signifies that we are moving in the right direction for Windance Country Club, as we have been focused on improving this course over the past two years to be not only an amenity to our casino resort, but also a stronger player in Mississippi's golf and tourism industry," said Rick Carter, co-owner of Island View Casino Resort.

Golfweek launched its Best Courses lists in 1997, and its selection process has come to represent one of the most respected ranking systems in the industry. The complete list, which was published in the March 12 issue can be found at www.Top100.Golfweek.com/GolfweeksBest, with the by-state details located at www.golfweek.com/news/2010/mar/11/2010-golfweeks-best-courses-you-can-play.

Windance Country Club – a sponsor of the 2010 PGA Tour's Champion Tour this spring– has hosted the Ben Hogan and Nike tours with past winners including 2003 U.S. Open Champion Jim Furyk, Tom Lehman, and Alan Doyle and the Adams Golf Pro Tour. The course features a driving range, practice green, pro shop with premier golf attire and merchandise, The View at 19 Bar & Grill, a clubhouse and swimming pool. Island View Casino Resort offers golf packages that include a deluxe room at the resort's hotel, one round of golf with a shared cart and a golf gift. Special rates starting at \$50 are available for Island View Casino Resort Players Club card members and hotel guests. Packages start at \$99. For more information on stay-and-play package reservations, please call 1.877.774.VIEW (8439), ext. 2334 or go to www.islandviewcasino.com/windance.html.

About Island View Casino Resort:

Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with approximately 2,000 slots and 47 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 562-room hotel, an Emeril's Gulf Coast Fish House, a 400-seat buffet, a signature restaurant called C&G Grille, The Coffee Shop upscale deli and the View Bar – an entertainment lounge. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. www.islandviewcasino.com

About Golfweek's Best Ratings:

Since beginning its rating system in 1997, Golfweek has developed the most respected ranking structure in the industry. Every year, Golfweek's nationwide team of course raters, which currently boasts more than 475 evaluators, survey more than 2,200 courses – rating each nominated course on the basis of Golfweek's 10 strict standards of evaluation. Collectively, Golfweek raters have turned in more than 45,000 votes. Golfweek's Best Courses lists include: Modern, Classic, New, Casino, Municipal, Residential, Resort, Caribbean & Mexico, Courses You Can Play and Tour Courses You Can Play. The full criteria for evaluating the golf courses may be found at Top100.Golfweek.com/GolfweeksBest.

About Golfweek:

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