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TIGER'S EYE CONTINUES TO BE AMONG "AMERICA'S 100 GREATEST PUBLIC GOLF COURSES," SAYS GOLF DIGEST

Tiger's Eye Ranking Leaps to 41st On List Of Nation's Best Public Access Courses

April 19, 2005, Sunset Beach, N.C. – Tiger's Eye at Ocean Ridge Plantation moved up to number 41 on *Golf Digest's* prestigious list of "America's 100 Greatest Public Golf Courses" as reported in its May, 2005, edition. Tiger's Eye was number 83 when the biennial list debuted in 2003. The magazine defines those on the prestigious list as "the greatest courses accessible to everyone."

The May edition also includes *Golf Digest's* "Best In State" rankings which lists Tiger's Eye as the 6th best course in the entire state of North Carolina, up from number 14 in 2003. This ranks Tiger's Eye above all the Pinehurst Resort courses except the legendary Number 2 course, which is ranked first in the state. Tiger's Eye is ranked just below Wade Hampton Golf Club (Cashiers), Grandfather Golf & Country Club (Linville), Diamond Creek (Banner Elk) and Eagle Point Golf Course (Wilmington), all of which are private courses.

"We are honored to be on the Top 100 list, and to move up more than 40 places in one rating cycle is extremely gratifying," said Tom Plankers, Director of Golf for Ocean Ridge Plantation. "It's a real thrill to have the *Golf Digest* raters – who play courses all over the world – recognize the merits of this design and the care we put into keeping the course in top condition. It's also a pleasure to find that 8 other Grand Strand golf courses are on the list. No other single destination in the country can claim as many of "America's Greatest Public Courses."

"America's Greatest Public Courses" and the state-by-state rankings can be found online at www.golfdigest.com, as well as in the May edition of the magazine.

Since opening in 2000, Tiger's Eye has received numerous accolades including "Most Scenic Golf Course in Coastal NC" by North Carolina Magazine. The course first appeared on the list of America's Top 100 in 2003. Tiger's Eye is an upscale daily-fee 18-hole golf course carved from a virgin pine and hardwood forest. Several green complexes reminiscent of Pinehurst Number 2 and dramatic elevation changes combine to make Tiger's Eye a thinking-man's course requiring precise shotmaking and an experienced, creative shortgame. Visually stunning, it has vast natural waste areas, abundant native grasses and wild flowers, pine and oak trees, and 40 acres of water – including a preserved Carolina Bay and a coquina-bouldered waterfall.

About Ocean Ridge Plantation

Located in Sunset Beach, one of North Carolina's most beautiful barrier islands, Ocean Ridge Plantation is a 2,000 acre residential community featuring 54 holes of championship golf, a pristine nature preserve and a beautiful choice of homes and homesites.

Ocean Ridge Plantation, which has started construction on a fourth course, Leopard's Chase, offers its property owners and visitors world class golf on three championship layouts. Designed by architect Willard Byrd, Lion's Paw Golf Links offers some of the most picturesque and challenging golf holes on the Grand Strand and has received a four-star rating in *Golf Digest's* "Places to Play." Panther's Run, designed by Tim Cate, uses the natural terrain of the land to create a beautiful and challenging layout; it was on Golf Digest's list of nominees for "Best New Course" when it opened. Tiger's Eye, also designed by Cate, is distinguished by dramatic elevation changes, large natural waste areas and a coquina-bouldered waterfall. The course is on Golf Digest's list of "Best in State" and it earned 4 1/2 stars in the prestigious Places to Play 2002-2003 rankings. Tiger's Eye was also ranked No. 6 in North Carolina by Golfweek magazine and listed on *Golf Digest's* list of "America's 100 Greatest Public Courses. All three of Ocean Ridge's courses have been on Golf For Women's prestigious list of "Top 100 Fairways for Women."

For more information on Ocean Ridge golf, contact Ocean Ridge Plantation at (800) 233-1801, or visit their web site at www.tigerseye.com, www.panthersrun.com, www.lionspaw.com or www.big-cats.com.