



**Kiawah Island
Major Awards and Distinctions**

The long-range vision of Kiawah's master plan, complemented by the sound techniques employed to enact that plan, has resulted in a host of accolades for Kiawah Island.

Awards

Urban Land Institute – Award for Excellence in community planning
South Carolina Department of Natural Resources – Environmental Stewardship Award
South Carolina Wildlife Foundation – Land Conservationist of the Year
American Society of Landscape Architects – National Merit Award for ecological planning
Audubon Certified Cooperative Sanctuary (The River Course and The Ocean Course)
Club Leaders Forum in 2006 - The Kiawah Island Club ranked in the Top 40 Country Clubs in America and was named in the Top 25 Residential Communities. The Kiawah Island Club also had the most nominations for South Carolina.
2007 Pinnacle Award for Excellence in Homebuilding – *Cassique* Garden Cottages
National Active Retirement Community named the *Cassique* Clubhouse Best Active Adult/Retirement Clubhouse/Community Center and gave the Bronze Award for Best Active Adult/Retirement Community
Print Advertisement for Kiawah Island's National Ad Campaign

Rankings

Travel + Leisure Golf – Top 25 Golf Community – 2009
Golfweek – Best Residential Courses, 2009
Golf Digest's "Places to Play" – Five-Star Rating (The Ocean Course)
Four-Star Rating (Turtle Point, Cougar Point, Osprey Point)
Golf Digest – America's Best New Private Courses (The River Course and *Cassique*)
Golf Magazine – Top 100 Courses in the U.S. (The Ocean Course)
Golfweek – Top 100 Modern Courses in America (The Ocean Course and The River Course)
Golf & Travel – Top 40 Real Estate Courses in America (The River Course and *Cassique*)
The Golfer – Top 10, World's Best Real Estate Communities
Tennis Magazine – Top Five U.S. Tennis Resorts
National Geographic Traveler – Second Most Romantic Beach in America
The Travel Channel – Dr. Beach's Top 10, America's Best Beaches
Condé Nast Traveler – Top 100 Islands in the World for Beaches, Lodging & Dining
Family Life – Top 10 Best Family Resorts

Worth Magazine – America’s 100 Richest Towns
Robb Report – Best of the Best for Private Communities, 2005
Travel and Leisure Golf – Ranked number 4 for America’s Top 100 Golf Communities, 2006
Golfweek – Best Residential Golf Courses (*Cassique* and The River Course), 2006
Golf Magazine Living – Best Large Community, 2006
Travel + Leisure Golf – Best Golf Resort, Kiawah Island Golf Resort, 2006
Links Magazine – Kiawah Island named as one of America’s Top 100 Premier Properties
AAA – Five Diamond Award (The Sanctuary at Kiawah Island Golf Resort)
Travel + Leisure Golf – Kiawah Island ranked #5 in America’s Top Golf Communities, 2007
Golf Digest – Number 1 Ranking on America’s 50 Toughest Golf Courses (The Ocean Course), 2007
Golf Digest Living – Number 1 Best Course to Live On (The Ocean Course), 2007
Golf Digest – Two Kiawah Island Courses Named in “America’s 100 Greatest Golf Courses” (*Cassique* and The Ocean Course), 2007
Zagat Survey Ranked The Ocean Course number 7 in the Guide to America’s Top Golf Courses, 2007
Travel + Leisure – Among the Great American Beaches in the “Fun for Everyone” category – 2007
Travel + Leisure – Ranked #5 in Top 100 Hotels (The Sanctuary), 2007
Travel + Leisure Family – Ranked #1 Family-Friendly Resort in the United States and Canada (Kiawah Island Golf Resort), 2007
TennisResortOnline.com – Ranked #1 Tennis Resort in the World – Kiawah Island Golf Resort – 2007

Events

1990 U.S. Clay Court Championships (East Beach Tennis Club)
1991 Ryder Cup Matches (The Ocean Course)
1997 World Cup of Golf (The Ocean Course)
1998 Fed Cup (East Beach Tennis Club)
2001 UBS Warburg Cup (The Ocean Course)
2003 Palmer Cup (*Cassique*)
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Kiawah Children’s Hospital Classic (The River Course) & Delta Celebrity Challenge (The Ocean Course)
Hootie and the Blowfish Monday after the Masters Pro-Am (The Ocean Course and The River Course)
Coastal Living Idea House at the new *Cassique* Neighborhood - 2005
American Express Luxury Summit – April 2005
Host 2007 Senior PGA Tournament (The Ocean Course)
Host 2009 USGA Mid Amateur Tournament (The River Course)
Host 2012 PGA Tournament (The Ocean Course)

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