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PORT ROYAL GOLF CLUB NAMED WINNER IN “THE KNOT BEST OF WEDDINGS” 2016

Tenth Annual Best of Weddings Awards Honor the Top Wedding Vendors Across America

Hilton Head Island, SC — Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club, a Heritage Golf Group property, is pleased to announce that it has been selected as a 2016 winner in The Knot Best of Weddings, an award representing the highest-rated wedding professionals as reviewed by real couples, their families and wedding guests on The Knot, the #1 wedding resource. This is the third year Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club has been selected for The Knot Best of Weddings (2015 & 2013).

In 2016, only 2% of the 250,000 local wedding professionals listed on TheKnot.com have received this distinguished accolade. In its tenth annual year, The Knot continues its longstanding tradition of supporting local wedding vendors with The Knot Best of Weddings 2016, an annual by-couples, for-couples guide to the top wedding professionals across the country. To determine the winners, The Knot assessed almost one million reviews from real couples across the various vendor categories—venues, musicians, florists, photographers, caterers and more. These winners represent the best of the best for wedding planning professionals that a bride or groom would want to consider order to inspire, plan and pull off their own unique wedding.

“My husband and I couldn't be more grateful to have found Port Royal for our ceremony and reception venue. Port Royal is absolutely beautiful. It (the Club) provides a wonderful atmosphere for a ceremony and reception,” said Mrs. Lauren Etter, after hosting the wedding of her dreams at Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club. “Please also thank the Chef and staff for being so great and making our big day so wonderful! The food is outstanding. We received multiple compliments from our guests stating how great the food tasted. Our wedding was everything I could have imagined and more!”

The Knot has helped inspire and plan more than 25 million weddings. With a rich history of providing quality content and inspiration to couples, The Knot is making it easier for couples to connect with just the right wedding professional to create a wedding that is unique to them. Eight out of 10 couples come to The Knot where they can be connected to any of 250,000 local wedding professionals across the country. The Knot marries great technology with trusted content—and a little love—to make planning for the most important day of a person's life easier and more enjoyable.

For more information about The Knot Best of Weddings and a complete list of winners, please visit www.TheKnot.com/Vendors/BestofWeddings

Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club boasts a 14,000 square foot, mansion-style Clubhouse with southern charm. From the lush landscape and golf views to a private intimate ceremony at historic Steam Gun Beach, guests can enjoy the true southern experience at Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club. One of the most sought after destination wedding venues on Hilton Head Island, Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club offers customized wedding packages with gourmet signature menus, expert planning, and advice on the latest trends, specialty beverages, luxurious linens and more. Furthermore, the Club offers each couple an event specialist to cater to their every want and need.

For more information on events at Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club, please contact Anne Pufal, Director of Food & Beverage, at (843) 681-1753.



ABOUT PORT ROYAL GOLF & RACQUET CLUB

Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club (www.portroyalgolfclub.com) is nestled within one of Hilton Head Island's most pristine plantations along the Atlantic coastline, on the northwestern point of Hilton Head Island. The Club features 54 holes of resort golf. This golf haven, Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club, was designed by some of the best golf architects - George Cobb, Pete Dye, and Willard C. Byrd. It has also been honored with the presence of some of golf's legendary players, having hosted the Champions Tour Hilton Head Seniors International. Recently, in 2014, Port Royal Golf & Racquet Club was recognized by World Property Channel as one of the "Top 10 'Exotic' Golf Courses in the World." The Club is also recognized for world-class tennis programs, winning "Top 50 Greatest U.S. Tennis Resorts," by Tennis Magazine for the previous eight consecutive years and "Top 50 Resorts," by Tennis Resorts Online in 2014.

ABOUT THE KNOT

The Knot is the nation's leading wedding resource with a marketplace that seamlessly engages, matches and connects couples with the right local vendors, products and services they need to plan and pull off their wedding. The trusted brand reaches nearly every bride in the US through the #1 wedding website TheKnot.com, its mobile apps, The Knot national and local wedding magazines and The Knot book series. The Knot has inspired approximately 25 million couples to plan a wedding that is uniquely them. The Knot is the flagship brand of [XO Group Inc.](http://www.xogroup.com) (NYSE: XOXO), the premier consumer internet and media company dedicated to helping people navigate and enjoy life's biggest moments - from getting married, to moving in together and having a baby. Please visit The Knot online at TheKnot.com and follow on social media: Facebook.com/TheKnot and @TheKnot on Twitter, Pinterest and Instagram.

ABOUT HERITAGE GOLF GROUP

Heritage Golf Group (www.heritagegolfgroup.com), established in 1999, is an innovative, industry leading hospitality company and owner/operator of premier private, resort and daily fee golf properties spanning Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Texas. Guided by the principle of evolving the private club and golf business experience to the highest level, each individual club's amenities and operational systems are tailored to augment their one-of-a-kind assets. With a commitment to delivering memorable experiences to its members and guests, the company is constantly expanding their team of experts in operations, golf, culinary, lodging, fitness, agronomy and special events. Backed by the financial strength of Tower Three Partners, an operationally oriented private equity firm, Heritage Golf Group is uniquely poised to expand through the acquisition of a tightly focused and selective group of first-class clubs. Under the leadership of Davis Sezna (CEO, Partner), Heritage Golf Group embodies the cutting edge of tradition.

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