



## **MOUNT WASHINGTON RESORT RENOVATES ITS NAMESAKE GOLF COURSE**

BRETTON WOODS, NH, November 5, 2007 – Mount Washington Resort, nestled among nearly 800,000 acres of White Mountain National Forest, has begun an extensive restoration of its signature Mount Washington Golf Course. Designed by legendary golf course designer, Donald Ross, the course originally opened in 1915. Nearly an entire century later, golf architect Brian Silva is using Ross’ plans to execute a thorough restoration which will bring the course back to the brilliance of Ross’ original vision. Seeding on the greens and fairways began in early August of this year with the course slated to open officially in August 2008. The Mount Washington Course’s restoration is part of a \$7 million golf restoration and expansion project returning the Resort’s two courses to championship golf standards.

Mount Washington Resort has called upon one of the industry’s finest award-winning golf architects, Brian Silva, to play an integral role in restoring the Mount Washington Course. With Donald Ross’ original plans as the inspiration, Silva will be adding 500 yards to the Mount Washington Course, bringing it to an impressive total of 7,100 yards. Golfers will play shots over and around bunkers crafted with classic touches and find a variety of recovery shots in the closely-cropped areas surrounding the putting greens. The final product will be a course which offers stunning mountain views throughout. These will include scenic vistas as well as opportunities to admire the striking exterior of the historic Mount Washington Hotel from the tees of the par-three, fifth hole and the par-four, 11th hole.

“We’re thrilled at this opportunity to improve our golf offerings,” says Mount Washington Resort General Manager Matt Massei, who moved to New Hampshire from the position of Vice President of Golf Club Operations at Pinehurst, in North Carolina. “There’s an allure here, as well as a rich history. With this exciting restoration we’ll be offering a unique, challenging golf experience in the White Mountains of New Hampshire.”

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Mount Washington Resort currently has 27 holes of golf, including the 18-hole Mount Washington Course and the nine-hole Mount Pleasant Course, designed by Brian Silva in 1989. Silva is also adding nine holes to the Mount Pleasant Course, bringing Mount Washington Resort's golf offerings to a total of 36 holes. The Mount Pleasant Course's 18 holes will debut in 2011.

Mount Washington Resort is ensuring guests will always have the opportunity to play golf while staying at the Resort. At all times throughout the golf restoration and expansion project, there will be at least nine holes open during the playable months. Restoration of both courses is part of an overall \$50 million renovation project ongoing throughout the Resort, including expansion of the current meeting space and the addition of a 25,000 square-foot spa, both set to open in December 2008.

For more information about Mount Washington Resort or to make reservations, please call 877-873-0626 toll-free, (603) 278-8820 local or visit [www.mountwashingtonresort.com](http://www.mountwashingtonresort.com).

***About Mount Washington Resort***

Set at the base of the stunning 6,288-foot Mount Washington and surrounded by nearly 800,000 acres of the White Mountain National Forest, the Mount Washington Resort is a four-season vacation destination for guests of all ages. Founded in 1876, the Resort offers splendid seasonal activities such as golf, tennis, horseback riding and fly fishing during the summer; and alpine and Nordic skiing, snowboarding, ice climbing, snow tubing, sleigh rides and winter hiking trails during the winter. A new 25,000 square foot spa and a total of 30,000 square feet of meeting space will be opening in December 2008. A \$7 million renovation of the Resort's two golf courses is underway with the first 18-hole restored Donald Ross course planned to open in August 2008, followed by the second 18-hole course. As part of a proposed master planned community, spanning the next decade, plans for the proposed development of approximately 1,000 new homes and home sites are underway with the first offerings expected to become available in 2008.

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