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LINVILLE RIDGE GC CAPTURES GOLF INC. MAGAZINE'S RENOVATION OF THE YEAR

Linville, NC; August 8, 2010 – **Golf Inc.** magazine named Bobby Weed's work at Linville Ridge GC, in Linville, NC, its *Renovation of the Year* for projects with a construction budget between \$1.6 and \$4 million. The multi-phase facelift took place during the winter months over several years, so as not to inconvenience members.

The course occupies an enviable and dramatic parcel of golfing ground, set at one of the highest elevations east of the Mississippi. From this mountaintop perch, a raucous and rugged golfing experience emerges, with 760 feet of elevation change and staggering vistas that can extend up to 70 miles. The course serves as the flagship amenity for the surrounding residential community, but by 2006, it was approaching 30 years old and was dated in its aesthetics, strategy and conditioning.

Bunkers received the most attention. The existing bunkers were shallow, similarly sized, lacked distinction and were often monotonously located both front left and front right in the approach of each green. The new bunkers were styled to have considerable character and a rugged aesthetic in keeping with the windswept, mountaintop location. They were built with a deliberately wide variety of sizes, depths and placement, with each serving a distinctive strategic function.

Additional short-cut areas now wrap each putting surface, placing a new premium on short-game play and enhancing the impact of the topography on approaches into each green. Tees were shifted, enlarged and added to increase the overall length of the course, capture important vistas, and bring significant slopes back into play in those places where modern equipment had negated their effect.

The rugged, mountain aesthetic of the bunkering was enhanced through additional rock wall work around tees and creek restoration work that was in keeping with the course's setting. A

number of trees were removed to open up dramatic viewsheds that had closed off over time. Cart paths were shifted out of sight to maintain the pristine views along the golf hole.

The award is the fourth time Bobby Weed Golf Design's work was recognized by the magazine. White Manor CC in Mavern, PA was also named Renovation of the Year in 2004, while The Deltona Club, in Deltona, FL, was first runner-up in 2008. Spanish Oaks GC was named Development of the Year in 2003.

About Bobby Weed Golf Design

Bobby Weed Golf Design is an internationally recognized leader in the development of golf courses and golf course communities. Based in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, Bobby Weed Golf Design offers their clients a refreshing and contrasting style that represents the difference in successful golf development today. For more information on Bobby Weed Golf Design, visit www.bobbyweed.com.



The 11th Hole at Linville Ridge GC

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