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Professional and Amateur Golfers Celebrate Grand Opening of New Golf Course on Cape Cod at Southport

MASHPEE, MA --- Current Massachusetts Senior Amateur Champion Ed Fletcher teed off the first ball on Southport's new golf course while 500 Southport homeowners and their guests watched at the Grand Opening celebration of the opening of the new par-28 golf course and the adjoining golf and tennis clubhouse.

The nine-hole course, designed by award-winning golf architect Phil Wogan, is located on 250-acre community of Southport in Mashpee, Massachusetts. The 750-home active adult community has been recognized by **Where to Retire Magazine** as one of the "Top 100 Master-planned Communities in the United States" for active adults.

Southport developer Ronald Bonvie and Wayne Taylor, chairman of Mashpee's Board of Selectmen, were joined by Southport's Director of Golf, Claudette LaBonte and her associate, Professional Golfer Alex Ohlson, former head pro of Balleymeade Country Club and former owner of Norton Country Club, for the Grand Opening remarks.

"Southport provides one of the most expansive array of on-site recreational amenities of any active adult community in the Northeast," stated Bonvie. The opening of this course,

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along with our new tennis and golf clubhouse and tennis courts makes our community one of the most 'amenity rich' active adult communities in the Northeast," he added.

"We are fortunate that our Director of Golf, Claudette LaBonte and the current Massachusetts State Senior Amateur Champion, Ed Fletcher, are both homeowners here at Southport," Bonvie said.

LaBonte, who was the first LPGA Head Pro in Massachusetts, said the new course will provide a relaxing experience for beginners, but will allow more experienced golfers the chance to stay sharp on their game. "This is not a particularly long course, but many of the holes provide challenging approaches to the greens," LaBonte said. "One of the nice features of this private course is that the course is for the exclusive use of Southport homeowners and their guests," she added.

For more information about Southport, call 1-800-840-7775 or visit the community's web site at www.southportoncapecod.com. The clubhouse and designer models are open daily from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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