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### **Construction Underway on Currahee Club Community Buildings**

**TOCCOA, Ga.** (Jan. 2, 2006) – Professionals from the Atlanta-based New South Construction Company Inc. are in place and hard at work building recreational facilities and amenities for Currahee Club, a north Georgia residential community located on the shores of Lake Hartwell.

When complete, Currahee Club will feature more than 800 homes plus a golf clubhouse, a community grill, a general store, and other residential facilities. These well-appointed community buildings – along with the property’s views of mountains in four states, access to Lake Hartwell, and a world-class golf course designed by Jim Fazio – promise to make Currahee Club distinctive among the region’s residential developments.

Driving the vision for Currahee Club is the father-son team of Bob and Chris Whitley, who are known for creating some of the most distinguished golf club communities in the nation. Together, the duo boasts more than 50 years of development experience, and their past successes guarantee another with this lakeside haven in Stephens County.

This past year, the Whitleys selected New South Construction Co. as the general contractor for Currahee Club’s golf clubhouse and community buildings. Rounding out the design team for Currahee Club are NCG Architects of Atlanta and the master planners and landscape architects of Hughes, Good, O’Leary and Ryan, also of Atlanta.

“New South enjoys working with the Whitleys because of their experience in club developments,” New South Construction Co. Vice President Huntly Gordon said. “They have constantly set the mark of reputation for high-quality developments. When you sit down with the Whitleys, they know exactly what they want. And they will get it. This level of experience results in a well thought-out project in terms of design, materials, programming of facilities and master planning.”

New South finished Currahee Club’s community grill in 2005 and its crews are set to begin on several other buildings during 2006. Among the facilities slated for construction and fit-out are a 20,000-square-foot golf clubhouse and a well-stocked general store, the Currahee Trading Company.

## **The Community Grill**

As golfers make the turn from the ninth to the tenth holes, they now can grab a light breakfast, a gourmet lunch or snack or a cold beverage at Currahee Club's 2,000-square-foot community grill, completed in December. The grill features indoor dining and al fresco service on a back deck with dramatic views of Lake Hartwell plus an outdoor fireplace where residents can meet up with friends.

"And the grill is not just for the golfers. It's for the whole community," Currahee Club Project Manager Chris Whitley said. "You can stop and visit while you're playing a round, or you can ride your bike over for a quick lunch with your friends. We've designed the grill to be a lot more than your typical halfway house. In fact, I can't think of another project with as high-end of a halfway house. And, I tell you, most of them are usually tucked into a corner somewhere. This one has a million-dollar view that must be seen to be believed."

## **The Golf Clubhouse**

"Once built, this clubhouse will be one of the finest in the country," Chris Whitley said. "It will have incredible vistas of Lake Hartwell and our first golf hole off the back, plus architectural features that are really special throughout the house. It promises to be a warm and inviting place where people will want to enjoy their time with friends and family."

Golfers will appreciate the clubhouse's golf shop, golf car garage, a golf bag storage area and a club repair facility, Chris Whitley said. And both men and ladies will enjoy well-appointed locker rooms with attendants plus verandas overlooking Lake Hartwell. The men's locker room has the added design touch of a 100-year-old bar imported from Ireland.

In addition, the clubhouse's living room will have vaulted ceilings and two fireplaces with distinguished mantles and hardwood floors. Residents and their guests will also enjoy a 20-seat bar, a billiards room off the main living room and a dining room that will serve lunch and dinner to as many as 120 guests.

## **Currahee Trading Company**

Immediately adjacent to the Currahee Club sales center will be the Currahee Trading Company, a general store that will be open to all Toccoa residents. Construction crews will break ground on the 3,000-square-foot store in 2006.

The old-time store will feature porches and a working post office. Parents will be able to pick up a bottle of fine wine for dinner, and children of all ages can enjoy sorting through jars of old-fashioned penny candy.

The store will also be a certified dealer for Orvis, America's oldest mail-order company and a sporting tradition since 1856. The Trading Company will also feature fixtures from a 100-year-old pharmacy, purchased especially to create an old-time ambiance.

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