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Samoset Ranked Among Top Maine Courses by *Golf Digest*

Rockport ME (May 18, 2005) -- The May issue of *Golf Digest* always contains the eagerly-awaited list of the top courses in America. Once again, the par-70, seaside Samoset Resort course is ranked among the top courses in Maine, holding its #3 position for another year. The Samoset is also rated the 7th most beautiful course in America by *Golf Digest*.

“Thousands of courses considered for *Golf Digest*'s various rankings were played and evaluated by members of *Golf Digest*'s exclusive course evaluation panel, who travel and play the courses at their own expense,” said the magazine's Andrew Palladino. “The courses were judged on various criteria: Shot Values, Resistance to Scoring, Design Variety, Memorability, Aesthetics, Conditioning, Ambiance and Walkability. After the panelists submitted their evaluations, *Golf Digest* averaged the scores in the categories and totaled the averages to determine the overall rankings.”

The Samoset course is famed for its seven oceanside holes -- including the par-5 Fourth fairway that plays along Penobscot Bay in view of the Rockland Breakwater. The course is open to the public April through October and is walkable at any time. Golf packages include:

- **The Stay & Play Golf Vacation Package** includes one 18-hole round of golf with cart, advance reserved starting times, bag storage and one complete dinner in the AAA Four Diamond Marcel's restaurant. Rates start at \$137* per person, per night, based on double occupancy.
- **Tee by the Sea Vacation Package** includes unlimited golf with cart, luxurious accommodations, and complete breakfast. Rates start at \$139.50* per person, per night.
- **Hole in One Package** includes one round of golf with cart and luxurious accommodations. Rates start at \$99.50* per person, per night.

The 230-acre **Samoset Resort**, on Penobscot Bay, is the re-incarnation of a 1902 landmark. Being refreshed in 2005, the hotel's 178 guestrooms are luxurious retreats, each offering a private balcony or terrace overlooking the ocean or golf course. Wireless internet connection is found throughout the resort. The dramatic Flume Cottage on the ocean's edge is a unique two-bedroom bungalow just off the 15th Fairway. For dining, guests turn to the culinary inspirations of Marcel's and its Wine Spectator Award-winning wine list and the casual Breakwater Cafe with its seasonal flagstone terrace.

For information or reservations visit www.samoset.com or call tollfree 800-341-1650.

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*Rate excludes taxes and gratuities. Based on availability. Advance reservations are required.