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Peach of a course

Currahee Club, named after the Cherokee words for "stand alone," was opened for play in July 2003. The Oct. 14-17 event marks the first Southern CPC will be conducted in the state of Georgia.

Currahee Golf Club is nestled in the north Georgia mountains. (Photo: Currahee Golf Club)

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PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. -- A scenic northeastern Georgia course with breathtaking vistas will be the site to determine nearly a fourth of the field for the 2005 PGA Club Professional Championship.

Currahee Club of Toccoa, Ga., which lies some 90 minutes north of Atlanta, will host the Southern PGA Club Professional Championship, Oct. 14-17, with the low 32 finishers from each site earning a berth in the 38th PGA Club professional Championship, June 23-26, 2005, at The Ocean Course in Kiawah Island, S.C.

The Southern CPC is run concurrently with the Western CPC, which is being contested at The Legend West Course at Diablo Grande Resort in Patterson, Calif. The Southern and Western PGA Club Professional Championships each feature a total purse of \$150,000, and are presented by Titleist/FootJoy and Cobra Golf, Buick, Club Car Inc., and Amstel Light and Buckler.

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The par-72 Jim Fazio designed course will play at 7,251 yards for the Southern CPC, though it can be stretched to 7,513. Currahee Club is situated on 1,150 acres with views of Lake Hartwell, Tugaloo River and the Blue Ridge Mountains from nearly every hole. Players also will be able to view North Carolina and South Carolina while standing in Georgia.

"The Currahee Club is honored to have such an event as the Southern CPC, and to be able to support The PGA of America," said Currahee Club PGA Head Professional John Wade. "The players will see a course that will test every facet of their game. I truly believe it is one of the finest courses on the East Coast. It is a great test of golf. From holes 11 to 15, you can forget about your score and will be amazed by the views. I had one customer come into the golf shop and asked for extra Advil. He said his mouth "hurt so bad from it being open for so long in awe."

When golfers stand on the 13th or 14th tees and look left, you will see the Currahee Mountain, a ridge rests near Fort Toccoa, a paratrooper training base in World War II that was featured in the HBO series, *Band of Brothers*.

Though Currahee Club's pair of 600-plus yard par-5 holes will catch a player's attention, it is the course's par-3s that form a true knockout punch. The 17th hole, a par-3 that can be extended to 251 yards is a signature hole of another dimension. A player must carry a tee shot over a granite quarry with a waterfall on the right side of the green. "I think this is the best hole I've ever built," Fazio said.

Visitors to the course are often playing the hole from the back tees. The players in the Southern CPC will be playing the 17th

from 215 yards.

The PGA of America, founded in 1916, is a not-for-profit organization that promotes the game of golf while continuing to enhance the standards of the profession. The Association is comprised of more than 28,000 men and women PGA Professionals who are dedicated to growing participation in the game of golf.

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