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## **KIAWAH ISLAND CLUB COURSE RECORDS SIX HOLES-IN-ONE DURING SINGLE DAY GOLF OUTING**

*Feat Comes Hours After Passing of Longtime Golf Staff Employee*

**November 11, 2013 (Kiawah Island, SC)** -- Six holes-in-one were recorded on the same day at the Kiawah Island Club's Cassique course at Kiawah Island, South Carolina. The record occurred on the Tom Watson-designed links course Wednesday, November 6 during the annual Men's Closing Day golf outing. A total of 71 golfers participated in the event which pairs three members of the private club with one staff member to mark the end of the fall tournament season. Five aces were recorded on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole, a par 3 measuring 118 yards with the other hole-in-one coming on the 148-yard par 3, 16<sup>th</sup> hole. The shots were made by a combination of members and staff with Garrett Hill, Alan Gillespie, Matt Cleveland, Ken Knechtel and Dale Mercer making an ace on Hole #5 and Larry Patrick on Hole #16.

The remarkable feat came just hours after longtime Cassique golf shop employee, Tom Churchill passed away following his 12 year battle with cancer leaving many of his friends and colleagues to suggest the omnipresent "Golf Gods" were at work that day. Churchill worked as a member of the golf shop staff where the event took place, and likely would have participated in the outing as he had for the previous 14 years.

"Churchie was definitely kicking them in for the guys that day," said Kiawah Island Club Director of Golf, Steve Kelleher. "Tom was a member of the Kiawah family for more than 20 years, beloved by our membership as well as a mentor and colleague to our younger staff. This is always a special event but having dedicated the day to Tom and then recording six holes-in-one, I'm not sure you can really explain it."

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### **About The Kiawah Island Club**

The Kiawah Island Club is a private, membership club located in Kiawah Island, South Carolina that offers an unmatched collection of private amenities with an exceptional level of professional service. Membership in The Kiawah Island includes two championship golf courses, Cassique and The River Course, The Beach Club, Sasanqua Spa and the Sports Pavilion.