

**2006 BUSINESS/COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER  
WHITECAP DAKOTA FIRST NATION, SASKATOON, SK**



The Whitecap Dakota First Nation located just south of Saskatoon, was honoured in the Business/Community category for transforming their reserve into a thriving community, now famous for its fabulous Dakota Dunes Golf Links. Golf Digest, a leading authority in golf, rated Dakota Dunes Canada's Best New Course in 2005.

"It is really an honour to get that type of an award. We're very proud of Dakota Dunes, it's our first business that got moving...I think that things just seemed to snowball from there."

says Whitecap Dakota's Chief Darcy Bear. "You

know, you have one success and people start to see, the business community starts to see, that there's a lot of opportunities there..."

Whitecap Dakota First Nation is currently constructing a casino and has many other ventures planned, aimed to further enhance the richness of their community. These projects include a hotel, retail opportunities, an industrial park, and townhouse and condominium developments. Whitecap Dakota has shown great leadership in involving its surrounding communities and other First Nations to partner-up on these projects in order to improve the prosperity of all of their people. "It's not just our people that benefit. It's other First Nations, people in the whole area, and we all work together, we all partner together...and I think that's what its going to take to move things forward. We all have capital, but when we pool our resources together we can do great things." Good luck with your future projects, and congratulations on your Economic Development of the Year Award - it is well deserved!