

**BUCCANEER RESTAURANT TO OPEN NOVEMBER 2008 IN CHARLESTON**  
*Pirate-Themed Restaurant to Open in Downtown Charleston*

**CHARLESTON, SC (October 8, 2008)** -- Tony Bakker heads up a group of local investors opening a new pirate-themed restaurant in downtown Charleston late November 2008, according to David Howard, President of The Neighborhood Dining Group, Inc., (NDG) whose company also manages McCrady's Restaurant and Queen Anne's Revenge restaurant. Bakker and his other partners include former Blackbaud executives Gary Thorhill, Tim Smith, Nigel Cooper, and real estate developer Anthony McAlister. Bakker, founder of Daniel Island-based Blackbaud, also owns The Charleston Battery Soccer team. The restaurant, named the Buccaneer, will be located at 5 Faber Street, Charleston, South Carolina 29401-2123. Like its sister restaurant Queen Anne's Revenge, the Buccaneer is a veritable museum housing a significant display of period-accurate artifacts. Queen Anne's Revenge and the Buccaneer maintain the largest collection of authentic artifacts from the "Golden Age of Piracy" in the United States.

Chef Zack Willard of Charleston mans the kitchen, incorporating fresh, locally-caught seafood into many of the dishes. The Buccaneer serves delightful low country favorites with dishes such as the Charleston Crab Dip with House Made Crackers, the Lobster & Lobster Macaroni, and the Signature Roast Prime Rib of Beef. The menu will be moderately priced within the \$12 - \$20 range. Day boat fisherman will provide a hefty portion of the low country-influenced farm-to-table menu. The owners operate a small farm on Wadmalaw Island from which most of the produce is derived. The menu will fluctuate seasonally, dictated by the bounty of the farm and locally-sourced products.

The Buccaneer is dedicated to the history of piracy along the South Carolina coast which is commonly referred to as the "Golden Age of Piracy," representing the period of 1690 – 1730. The restaurant will seat 175 guests in the dining room, with additional seating at the bar. Jeffrey Palsa, former general manager with Liberty House Restaurant Group, whose restaurants include Bones, Blue Ridge Grill, and OK Cafe in Atlanta, will run the front of the restaurant and serve as General Manager. The space is appointed with historic exposed brick walls

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warmly lit by skylights. Antiqued wood tables and intimate booths and alcoves abound. Diners will be greeted by flickering gas lanterns leading the way through historic brick archways. The focal point is a 1000 gallon saltwater fish tank in the center of the restaurant. A semi-private dining area is planned for the loft area above the dining room. The restaurant, bar, and museum will be open for lunch service Monday through Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday brunch will be served from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., dinner service hours are 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. A late night bar menu will also be available from 10:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. nightly.

The Buccaneer is the first restaurant in the state of South Carolina to join the Green Restaurant Association. Every effort will be made to promote environmentally-friendly practices including construction of the building using recycled materials, energy-efficient equipment, and a “no plastic” mandate. “Our mission is to manage our restaurant in an economically-sustainable and ecologically-sensitive manner,” said Howard.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD DINING GROUP, INC. (NDG)**

NDG, established in 1991, manages two Chicago's Steak & Seafood restaurants in Atlanta, Queen Anne's Revenge restaurant on Daniel Island and McCrady's Restaurant in historic downtown Charleston. The Buccaneer restaurant will open in Charleston in November 2008.

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