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**THE PGA OF AMERICA NAMES RESPECTED TURFGRASS EXPERT DICK GRAY
AS THE NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF PGA VILLAGE AND PGA COUNTRY CLUB**

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – The PGA of America has named Dick Gray, who previously served at several top golf facilities across South Florida, as the new Superintendent of PGA Village and the nearby PGA Country Club, in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Gray will oversee the grounds and maintenance of three courses designed by Tom Fazio and Pete Dye at PGA Golf Club; the 35-acre PGA Center for Golf Learning and Performance golf instruction, practice, technology and fitness park; and the private 18-hole PGA Country Club, designed by Jim and George Fazio.

Gray is charged with delivering high quality golf course conditions to these facilities, while demonstrating an advanced knowledge of agronomy and turf grass management practices. Gray will also direct and administer agronomic practices, golf course maintenance and conditioning, and overall management of operations relating to the golf courses, practice facilities, common grounds and buildings.

During his 25-year career, Gray helped design and build The Florida Club in Stuart, Fla.; worked with Pete Dye and P.B. Dye on the construction of Loblolly Pines, in Hobe Sound, Fla.; and was involved in significant greens and regrassing projects as Superintendent at Jupiter Hills Club in Tequesta, Fla., and Sailfish Point Golf Club in Stuart. While at Jupiter Hills, the Club was ranked among *Golf Digest's* “America’s 100 Greatest Courses in the United States.”

“Dick Gray is a world-class golf course superintendent,” said PGA President Ted Bishop. “His turf grass practices are widely respected throughout the golf course industry. We are delighted he will oversee the agronomy of PGA Village and the PGA Country Club, in order to provide and restore the highest quality golf experience for our members and guests.”

Gray spent the past four years with Pathway Biologic in Plant City, Fla., where he performed sales, marketing, product development and national distribution for a company that applies advanced microbial science to optimize the health of the soil, water and plants for their clients. Previously, he served for two years as General Manager at The Florida Club, which was preceded by his terms at Jupiter Hills and Sailfish Point. He began his career as a Superintendent for seven years at Loblolly Pines, before moving into a similar role at The Florida Club.

A graduate of Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind., with a degree in Botany, Gray performed graduate work with the Turf Management Department at Purdue University, before earning a Master’s of Science in Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management from Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

About PGA Village

The Ryder, Wanamaker, and Dye Courses form a trio of world-class courses at PGA Golf Club, at PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Having been ranked among the best golf resorts in America, PGA Village also features the award-winning, 35-acre PGA Center for Golf Learning and Performance and the PGA Museum of Golf. PGA Golf Club exists to be one of the premier public-access resort facilities in America, complete with a Private Members Club, and serves as the home club for our 27,000 men and women PGA Professionals. For more information, please visit pgavillage.com.

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