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PGA HISTORICAL CENTER UNVEILS NEW PGA PROFESSIONAL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP EXHIBIT

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – The PGA Historical Center, in Port St. Lucie, Fla., is continuing its series of special new displays that pay tribute to defining moments, events and Championships in the history of The PGA of America, with the debut of a new exhibit that celebrates the PGA Professional National Championship.

Begun in 1968, the PGA Professional National Championship has become a showcase event for PGA Professionals, featuring some of the finest players in the Association. The Top 20 finishers in the PGA Professional National Championship, which will be held June 28-July 1 at Twin Warriors Golf Club and Santa Ana Golf Club in Santa Ana Pueblo, N.M., advance to play in the PGA Championship at Hazeltine National Golf Club, in Chaska, Minn., Aug. 13-16.

Past winners of the PGA Professional National Championship include: Sam Snead, Bob Rosburg, Bruce Fleisher, Bruce Zabriski, Larry Gilbert and defending Champion Scott Hebert.

The exhibit is one of several the PGA Historical Center is debuting this year including upcoming tributes to the:

- 91st PGA Championship in late July
- 24th PGA Cup in September
- 27th PGA Grand Slam of Golf in October

New displays recently unveiled at the PGA Historical Center also feature a showcase of the actual Ryder Cup trophy that was captured by the United States over Europe last October at Valhalla Golf Club, along with tributes to the Senior PGA Championship, PGA Honorary Members and five-time PGA Champion Walter Hagen.

“The PGA Historical Center golf museum is dedicated to providing our visitors with new and engaging exhibits that capture imaginations through the essence of golf and the proud 93-year history of The PGA of America,” said Bob Baldassari, PGA general manager, PGA Village, which also encompasses the PGA Golf Club, ranked among the “Top 50 Public Golf Courses in the United States” by *Golf World*, with 54 holes of Championship golf by Tom Fazio and Pete Dye; and the adjacent PGA Center for Golf Learning and Performance (formerly PGA Learning Center), a state-of-the-art, 35-acre golf learning, instruction, fitness and technology facility.

The PGA Historical Center is open to the public, and admission is free. Museum hours have been extended to Thursdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through Christmas Eve; and daily from Christmas-Easter. Researchers may access the facility during off-hours by appointment.

Please visit www.pgavillage.com/stlucie or call 800-800-GOLF (4653) for more information.

About PGA Village:

The Ryder, Wanamaker and Dye Courses form a trio of world-class public courses at the PGA Golf Club, at PGA Village in Port St. Lucie, Fla. Named by *Golf Digest* as one of the “75 Best Golf Resorts in North America,” PGA Village also features the award-winning, 35-acre PGA Center for Golf Learning and Performance (formerly the PGA Learning Center) and PGA Historical Center golf museum. The PGA Golf Club exists to be one of the premier daily fee facilities in America, and to serve as a home club for our 28,000 PGA Professionals. For more information, please visit www.pgavillage.com.

About The PGA of America:

Since 1916, The PGA of America’s mission has been twofold: to establish and elevate the standards of the profession and to grow interest and participation in the game of golf.

By establishing and elevating the standards of the golf profession through world-class education, career services, marketing and research programs, the Association enables PGA Professionals to maximize their performance in their respective career paths and showcases them as experts in the game and in the multi-billion dollar golf industry.

By creating and delivering dramatic world-class championships and exciting and enjoyable golf promotions that are viewed as the best of their class in the golf industry, The PGA of America elevates the public’s interest in the game, the desire to play more golf, and ensures accessibility to the game for everyone, everywhere. The PGA of America brand represents the very best in golf.

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