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**PGA HISTORICAL CENTER UNVEILS THREE NEW DISPLAYS**

***Senior PGA Championship, Honorary PGA Members, Walter Hagen Recognized at Famed Golf Museum***

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. – The PGA Historical Center, in Port St. Lucie, Fla., is rolling out special new displays in May that pay tribute to the Senior PGA Championship, Honorary PGA Members and five-time PGA Champion Walter Hagen. The displays are being unveiled today in conjunction with the induction ceremonies for the PGA Golf Professional Hall of Fame, which is located at the facility.

The Senior PGA Championship exhibit will showcase the winners of the most historic and prestigious senior golf event. The 70<sup>th</sup> Senior PGA Championship will be contested from May 21-24, at Canterbury Golf Club in Beachwood, Ohio. The new display looks ahead to the 2009 Senior PGA Championship, while also honoring defending Champion Jay Haas, Ohio native and 1991 Senior PGA Champion Jack Nicklaus, and six-time Champion Sam Snead.

A tribute to the 10 Honorary PGA Members showcases their contributions to the sport of golf throughout the 93-year history of The PGA of America. Three U.S. Presidents – Dwight D. Eisenhower, Gerald R. Ford and George H.W. Bush – are among the Honorary PGA Members, who also include legendary entertainer and golf ambassador Bob Hope and champion golfer Gary Player. Last November, PGA Chief Executive Officer Joe Steranka was named as the most-recent Honorary PGA Member.

Six-time Ryder Cup Captain Walter Hagen's colorful life is displayed in an exhibit that traces his numerous contributions, including being one of the founding members of The PGA of America. The exhibit includes Hagen's original birth certificate, as well as personal items of The Haig.

In addition, new signage is evident throughout the PGA Historical Center grounds, including banners of four-time PGA Champion Tiger Woods and Rodman Wanamaker, who was instrumental in the founding of The PGA of America, that now welcome visitors to the golf museum.

Hours for the PGA Historical Center 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.

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**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](http://www.pgavillage.com).

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