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**PGA GOLF CLUB RANKED NO. 30 IN *GOLF WORLD'S* INAUGURAL TOP 50 READER'S CHOICE LIST
*Award Comes on the Heels of the Courses Also Receiving High Honors from Both Golf Digest and GOLF Magazines***

PALM BEACH GARDENS, FLA. – The PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla., was ranked No. 30 among the Top 50 Public Golf Courses in the United States, in *Golf World* Magazine's inaugural "2009 Reader's Choice Awards." In addition, both the Wanamaker and Ryder Courses at the PGA Golf Club recently received 4.5 star ratings from *Golf Digest*, while the entire facility was named to *GOLF Magazine's* "Best Courses Near You" Florida rankings.

The *Golf World* Top 50 award was based on 21,000 individual golf course evaluations made by its readers across 13 separate performance criteria, including course conditions, quality of courses, golf practice facilities and reputation/prestige. The magazine debuted its first ranking of the best public, private and resort facilities in the country and said that it used "the most knowledgeable group of people" they could find to serve as its judges – its readership.

Golf Digest presented the two Tom Fazio-designed courses at PGA Golf Club with 4.5 stars each on its highly regarded 5-star rating scale. In addition, *GOLF Magazine* recently ranked PGA Golf Club No. 19 among the "Best Courses Near You" in the state of Florida.

"These three distinguished recognitions that the PGA Golf Club has just received from some of the most highly regarded publications in the golf industry is a great testament to the hard work and determination we strive to present each and every day as one of the world's top golf facilities," said Bob Baldassari, PGA general manager, PGA Village, which includes PGA Golf Club, the 35-acre PGA Learning Center golf practice and instruction park and the PGA Historical Center golf museum. "It is truly an honor to receive these awards, especially from the editors, course raters and readers of golf magazines that love and understand the game so passionately."

The PGA Golf Club, PGA Learning Center and PGA Historical Center are open to the public year-round. For tee times and reservations, please call (800) 800-GOLF (4653) or visit www.pgavillage.com.

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" for 2007-08, PGA Village also features the award-winning, 35-acre PGA Learning Center golf park 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

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