



PGA National Resort & Spa Honored in *Golf World's Reader's Choice Awards of Top Golf Resorts*

\$65 Million Resort Reinvention Wins Golf, Food/Wine and Spa Lovers; PGA National Moves Up in Rankings

Palm Beach Gardens, FL (October 12, 2009) – *Golf World Magazine* released its *Reader's Choice Awards* issue this week, highlighting PGA National Resort & Spa in the top 50 of the best golf resorts in the U.S. PGA National Resort & Spa, which improved in the rankings to #35 from #42 in last year's Awards, was bestowed the honor of being voted one of the "best of the best" by golf enthusiasts across the country.

Golf World Magazine Readers Choice Awards, based solely on voting of more than 46,000 readers, consider the overall golf resort experience and are evaluated through a variety of criteria including services, condition of courses, amenities, hotel accommodations, food/dining, and overall value. Showcasing a newly completed \$65 million comprehensive resort reinvention and a distinguished 28-year legacy of professional tournament play, which currently includes the PGA TOUR's Honda Classic, PGA National Resort & Spa continues to be recognized amongst the most renowned resorts in the United States.

PGA National Resort & Spa features:

- Five award winning tournament-ready golf courses, designed by Nicklaus, Palmer, George and Tom Fazio, and Karl Litten, considered among the best layouts in Florida
- Seven onsite restaurants and lounges, from the fine steaks and seafood at Ironwood Grille, drinks and light fare at the lobby iBAR to the crisp cuisine of the poolside Wave Grill
- Nine sparkling pools, including the newly remodeled main pool, lap pool and soothing whirlpools
- The Spa at PGA National: a 40,000-square-foot European spa, featuring a diverse menu of treatments, exclusive "Waters of the World" outdoor mineral pools, salon, relaxing café, and lounge areas
- Health & Racquet Club, offering 19 Har-Tru tennis courts, free weight and cardiovascular exercise rooms, Pilates, aerobic and ballet studios, as well as personal training
- 39,000-square-foot, self-contained conference wing, featuring 23 stylish and modern meeting rooms

The PGA National Golf Academy at PGA National Resort & Spa is a first-of-its-kind golf instruction program featuring the top two instructors in the world, Dave Pelz and

David Leadbetter. PGA National Resort & Spa offers one, two and three day programs for both the David Leadbetter Golf Academy and Dave Pelz Scoring Game School with full access to the resort's extensive practice, putting and range facilities as well as five championship courses. Golf instruction programs are available to individuals, groups and corporations, accommodating both resort guests and non-guests.

The PGA National Golf Academy at PGA National Resort & Spa is also home to the PGA National Club Fitting Lab offering state-of-the-art, tour-level custom club fitting. On-site custom club fitting is available for woods, irons and wedges.

For more information on the resort, accommodation packages and how to book a trip, visit www.pgaresort.com or call toll-free 1-800-863-2819.

About PGA National Resort & Spa:

Reinvented in 2009 and originally opened in 1981, PGA National Resort & Spa is a premiere South Florida golf vacation and meeting destination. The legendary 381-room resort recently completed a \$65 million comprehensive renovation, including a completely new front entrance, outdoor pool and pavilion, new Ironwood Grille and iBar, as well as enhanced public areas, golf courses and landscaping. PGA National Resort & Spa offers 90 holes of championship golf on five courses, including the famed Champion Course, home to the PGA Tour's Honda Classic and past host of the Ryder Cup, PGA Championship and a litany of other prized professional golf tournaments. Other distinguishing features include a 40,000 square foot European Spa with 56 treatment areas and the exclusive "Waters of the World" outdoor mineral pools, a world-class 33,000 square-foot health and racquet club with 19 Har Tru tennis courts, 39,000 square feet of self-contained conference space and seven on-site restaurants and lounges. PGA National is located in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. For more information, call 800-863-2819 or visit www.pgaresort.com

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