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**PGA National Vaults 39 Spots Nationally in *Golfweek's* 'Best Resort Courses'**

**(PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla.)** -- PGA National Resort & Spa -- home of the PGA TOUR Honda Classic -- today announces The Champion course is No. 47 in *Golfweek's* 2011 "Best Resort Courses" national rankings in the November 2 issue.

Featuring the legendary "Bear Trap" -- one of the most demanding, three-hole stretches on the PGA TOUR -- The Champion moves dramatically up the list from its No. 96 position in 2010. The survey, which included hundreds of U.S. courses, examined overall strength of routing, feature shaping, natural setting, greens, variety and memorability of holes, conditioning and maintenance, landscape management and other criteria.

"Our rise up *Golfweek's* ratings further validates that PGA National offers an extraordinary resort experience," says Joel Paige, Vice President and Managing Director. "With The Champion course, our four other outstanding layouts, renowned golf academies, world-class spa, fine dining and plentiful array of amenities, we provide our guests a stay they'll never forget."

In addition to the Honda Classic, The Champion's storied history includes hosting the 1983 Ryder Cup, 1987 PGA Championship, and nearly two decades of the Senior PGA Championship. Additionally, guests can enjoy play on The Palmer, The Squire, The Haig and The Estates courses. PGA National has the unique distinction of being home to both the David Leadbetter Golf Academy and Dave Pelz Scoring Game School, along with offering a tour level fitting experience at the PGA National Club Fitting Lab.

PGA National also features "Waters of the World," a collection of outdoor mineral pools from the healing waters of the Earth's most treasured locations. The resort's zero-entry pool -- located centrally to the hotel -- is a refreshing, tropical retreat surrounded by lush palm trees. Dining options include the sophisticated contemporary iBAR and elegant ambiance of the Ironwood Grille.

For more information or to make reservations, visit [www.pgaresort.com](http://www.pgaresort.com), or call (800) 533.9386.

### **About PGA National Resort & Spa**

PGA National Resort & Spa is a national, premier golf vacation and meeting destination. The legendary 379-room Florida resort recently completed a \$65 million comprehensive revitalization, including a 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. The resort's storied golf history includes hosting the 1983 Ryder Cup, 1987 PGA Championship, and nearly two decades of the Senior PGA Championship. In addition to The Champion, PGA National's award-winning golf courses are: The Palmer, The Haig, The Squire and The Estates.

Other distinguishing features include a 40,000 square-foot European Spa with 32 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, 40,000 square feet of self-contained conference space and nine on-site restaurants and lounges.