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SOUTHERN TEXAS PGA PRESENTS LAYNE RICKS THE PATRIOT AWARD

KATY, TX – Heritage Golf Group proudly congratulates Layne Ricks, General Manager of Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club (a Heritage Golf Group property), for being this year's Patriot Award Winner presented at the 2015 Southern Texas PGA (STPGA) Awards. The STPGA Patriot Award is presented in special recognition to an individual PGA Golf Professional for outstanding and continuing contributions to the PGA of America's efforts that benefit our servicemen and women and their families, including Patriot Golf Day and the Folds of Honor Foundation.

Ricks has been the General Manager of Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club since 2006. Furthermore, he has been a PGA of America member since 1986. Ricks, a long time Katy, TX resident, has held prominent teaching and management positions at Lochinvar, Meadowbrook Farms School of Golf, Tennwood, Glen Oaks of New York, River Ridge, and Cinco Ranch Golf Clubs.

Ricks has been dedicated to raising funds and awareness for the PGA TOUR Charities, Inc.'s Birdies for the Brave® program, a national military outreach initiative dedicated to support military hometown charities that provide critical services to meet the specialized needs of military members, wounded veterans and their families. Since 2008, Ricks and his team of member volunteers have raised almost \$1M. For the upcoming Birdies for the Brave event on November 7, 2015, Ricks has facilitated the donation of a new mortgage-free home to a military veteran. The home was provided by the Military Warriors Support Foundation; a non-profit organization providing support for America's wounded veterans as they transition into civilian life.

"Layne's heartfelt passion for the Birdies for the Brave program has made the charitable contributions grow exponentially. Layne and his committee of member volunteers continue to expand awareness, increase donations and engage the community; we recognize that they endeavor all year long to make this happen," said John Hungerford, Chief Operating Officer for Heritage Golf Group.

For more information on the upcoming Birdies for the Brave event at Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club on November 7, 2015 visit www.meadowbrookfarmsgolfclub.com/BirdiesForTheBrave or call (281) 693-4653.





ABOUT MEADOWBROOK FARMS

Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club, (www.meadowbrookfarmsgolfclub.com) a Heritage Golf Group property, is a Greg Norman-designed 18-hole semi-private golf facility located in Katy, Texas, just outside of Houston. This championship world-class golf course is a par 72 and it plays 7,100 yards from the tournament tees. Constructed among a multitude of hardwood trees, creeks and wetland terrain, Meadowbrook Farms' superior design provides golfers with awe-inspiring views, while offering a rewarding golf challenge. The Club was ranked "Among the Best Courses in Texas," by *Golf Digest* in 2001 and 2003 and "Best Course in Houston," according to the *Houston Sports News. Avid Golfer* awarded the Club one of the "Top Courses in Houston."

For more information, visit www.meadowbrookfarmsgolfclub.com or call (281) 693-4653.

ABOUT THE SOUTHERN TEXAS PGA

The Southern Texas Section of the PGA of America is comprised of over 800 golf professionals representing over 200 facilities in Southern Texas. The geographic area includes Beaumont, Houston, Bryan-College Station, Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley.

The purpose of this organization is to promote enjoyment and involvement in the game of golf, and to contribute to its growth by providing services to golf professionals and the golf industry. The PGA will accomplish this mission by enhancing the skills of its professionals and the opportunities for amateurs, employers, manufacturers and the general public. In so doing, the PGA will elevate the standards of the professional golfer's vocation, enhance the economic well-being of the individual member, stimulate interest in the game of golf, and promote the overall vitality of the game

For more information, visit at www.stpga.com or call (832) 442-2404.

ABOUT HERITAGE GOLF GROUP

Heritage Golf Group (www.heritagegolfgroup.com), established in 1999, is a boutique owner and operator of premier private, resort and daily fee golf properties across the United States. The Heritage Golf Group portfolio represents some of the most well-known and acclaimed golf properties spanning Florida, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Texas.

The key to our success is the development of customized facilities and tailored operational systems to augment each individual club's one-of-a-kind assets. Furthermore, we are constantly expanding our team of experts in operations, golf, culinary, lodging, fitness, agronomy, and special events. Backed by the financial strength of Tower Three Partners, an operationally oriented private equity firm, Heritage Golf Group is uniquely poised to expand through the acquisition of a tightly focused and selective group of first-class clubs. Under the leadership of Davis Sezna (CEO, Partner), Heritage Golf Group is evolving the private club and golf business experience to the highest level—on the cutting edge of tradition—by honoring the current traditions while enhancing and elevating the member experience.

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