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**HERITAGE GOLF GROUP'S GENERAL MANAGER ELECTED
VP OF THE EASTERN CHAPTER OF STPGA**

SAN DIEGO, CA. – Heritage Golf Group is pleased to announce that Layne Ricks, General Manager at Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club in Katy, Texas, was recently elected Vice President of the Eastern Chapter of the Southern Texas Section of the PGA of America. The election, which took place last November, marks Ricks' first venture into the leadership of the STPGA. As the Eastern Chapter Vice President, Ricks will serve on the Southern Texas PGA Board of Directors for the next two years (2009-2010).

“As owner and manager of high end golf properties, Heritage Golf Group prides itself on hiring the very best PGA golf professionals in the country,” said John Hungerford, Executive Vice President of Operations for Heritage Golf Group. “Layne Ricks is one of our most experienced managers and has a proven record of leadership and success. We are very proud to have him on our team.”

“Through the STPGA, I want to reach out to junior golfers of all levels. Not all kids can afford to play golf, but we can and should help make the game more accessible to them,” said Ricks.

The Southern Texas Section of the PGA of America was founded in 1968. The STPGA's mission 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 organization accomplishes its mission by working to enhance the skills of its professionals and to provide opportunities for amateurs, employers, manufacturers and the general public within the golf industry.

Ricks has been a PGA Member since 1986 and General Manager at Meadowbrook Farms Golf Club since 2006. He previously served at several area clubs including Lochinvar Golf Club as their Head Golf Professional and as the Director of the Meadowbrook Farms School of Golf.

About Heritage Golf Group

Heritage Golf Group (www.heritagegolfgroup.com) began in 1999 with \$100 million in funding provided by the private equity firm, GTCR Golder Rauner, LLC. Since then, the company has grown an impressive portfolio of private and resort golf clubs around the country. The Heritage portfolio represents some of the most well-known and acclaimed properties spanning Texas, Georgia, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina and South Carolina. The company, led by Bob Husband, President and CEO, distinguishes itself through its dedication to unrivaled golf and uncompromising service.

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