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TPC TAMPA BAY NAMED 18th BEST PUBLIC COURSE IN THE COUNTRY

TPC Tampa Bay is named to GolfWorld Magazine's 2009 Reader's Choice: Top 50 Public Courses

TAMPA, FL – TPC Tampa Bay was recently named to *GolfWorld Magazine's* 2009 Readers Choice: Top 50 Public Courses. Beating out many of the nation's most decorated golf establishments, TPC Tampa Bay came in at number eighteen, the highest ranked southwest Florida golf course.

The inaugural ranking, showcasing the nation's top public, private and resort golf courses, was compiled through data collection of the magazine's readers throughout the past six months. This ranking, unlike the numerous other rankings of its kind, gives merit not only for being a great golf course but for the overall experience you get from a day at one of these clubs. Rankings were based on 21,000 individual golf course ratings and more than 252,000 criteria evaluations including course conditions, pace of play, service, amenities and reputation, among others; proving there's more to great golf than just the course itself.

"This ranking is special because it comes straight from the mouths of those we are trying to impress- the golfers," said Brady Boyd, general manager for TPC Tampa Bay. "This award highlights our commitment to constantly offer our patrons unrivaled golf and uncompromising service."

TPC Tampa Bay features a masterfully designed Bobby Weed and Chi Chi Rodriguez 18-hole championship golf course routed around natural wetlands, cypress heads and numerous ponds and lagoons. The course has earned numerous accolades and is home to the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am. TPC Tampa Bay is a member of both the Tournament Players Club Network and the Heritage Collection.

TPC Tampa Bay is located at 5300 West Lutz Lake Fern Road, Tampa, Fla. 33558. For more information please visit www.tpctampabay.com or call (813) 949-0090.

Heritage Golf Group 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 California, Texas, Georgia, Florida, Michigan, North Carolina and South Carolina. The company distinguishes itself by its dedication to unrivaled golf and uncompromising service and is led by Bob Husband, President and CEO.

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