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**THE PGA OF AMERICA ANNOUNCES LATEST CERTIFIED  
PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM GRADUATES**  
*LOCAL METROPOLITAN SECTION PGA PROFESSIONAL  
ENHANCES SKILLS WITH CERTIFICATION*

**PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla.** – With the latest rounds of the PGA Proficiency Test completed at the end of March, 29 PGA Professionals received 33 certifications from The Professional Golfers' Association of America (PGA) Certified Professional Program.

**Ciaran T. Carr of Mahopac, N.Y.**, achieved all six certifications by recently completing the Ownership/Leasing and Executive Management courses. Since the program's inception in August 2004, 525 PGA Professionals have earned a total of 984 certifications in related career paths, including General Management, Golf Operations, Instruction, Retail, Executive Management and Ownership/Leasing. Carr joins only 42 other PGA Professionals who have achieved all six certifications.

The PGA Certified Professional Program is an online, career-enhancing educational curriculum that supports PGA Professionals who are committed to continuously enhancing their golf management skills in order to stay ahead of the increasing demands of the industry.

"Anyone that can make themselves more valuable to their employer while improving their net worth is essential for job stability," said Carr. "I am fortunate enough to work for a progressive company that encourages and supports such development, and I am very proud to be one of the few PGA members with these certified professional distinctions. I will continue to strive for additional merit and receive my master professional status in general management within the next 12 months."

Carr, who is one of only two PGA Professionals to have achieved all six certifications in the Metropolitan PGA Section, serves as Director of Golf at Putnam National Golf Club in Mahopac, N.Y., and earned his first certification in October of 2008.

The online distance learning approach ensures broad access to the program, while reducing the time and travel costs associated with traditional classes. Currently the most popular career paths are Golf Operations and General Management. Classes with the highest enrollment across all career paths are accounting, business planning and budgeting, turfgrass management and customer relations.

**About The PGA of America**

Since 1916, The PGA of America's mission has been twofold: to establish and elevate the standards of the profession and to grow interest and participation in the game of golf.

By establishing and elevating the standards of the golf profession through world-class education, career services, marketing and research programs, the Association enables PGA Professionals to maximize their performance in their respective career paths and showcases them as experts in the game and in the multi-billion dollar golf industry.

By creating and delivering dramatic world-class championships and exciting and enjoyable golf promotions that are viewed as the best of their class in the golf industry, The PGA of America elevates the public's interest in the game, the desire to play more golf, and ensures accessibility to the game for everyone, everywhere. The PGA of America brand represents the very best in golf.

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