Bend Golf Pro Brian Whitcomb Elected PGA President

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Brian Whitcomb of Bendâ€™s Lost Tracks Golf Club was elected the 35th president of The Professional Golfersâ€™ Association of America Saturday by delegates at the Associationâ€™s 90th Annual Meeting in Kiawah Island, South Carolina. Whitcomb previously served as Secretary of the Association from 2002-2004 and Vice President from 2004-2006.

Whitcomb, 51, on November 18 succeeded Roger Warren of Kiawah Island, S.C., who will serve on The Professional Golfersâ€™ Association (PGA) Board of Directors as Honorary President.

New PGA president: Brian Whitcomb of Bend's Lost Tracks Golf Club A PGA member for 20 years, Whitcomb began his career in 1978 at the Arizona Biltmore Country Club in Phoenix. In 1981, he leased Paradise Valley Park Golf Course in Phoenix, and built an additional nine holes of golf. In 1989, he designed and built The 500 Club in Phoenix, which he operates with Tom Sneva, the winner of the 1983 Indianapolis 500. In 1992, he designed and built Club West in Phoenix, which he sold in 1998. In 1995, he designed and constructed Lost Tracks Golf Club in Bend, Oregon. Whitcomb also has partnered with three of his former employees to build The Golf Club at Beardance in Castle Rock, Colo., the home of the Colorado PGA Section.

Since 1999, Whitcomb has served on the national PGA Properties Board. He also was a member of the national PGA Board of Directors from 1998-2001, representing District 14.

From 1989-91, he served on the Southwest PGA Section Board of Directors, and was president from 1995-97. He also has served the Section as Tournament chairperson, Education chairperson and Golf Pass chairperson. In 2001, he was named the Southwest PGA Golf Professional of the Year.

Celebrating its 90th anniversary, The PGA of America was founded in 1916, and is a not-for-profit organization that promotes the game of golf while continuing to enhance the standards of the profession. The Association is comprised of more than 28,000 men and women PGA Professionals who are dedicated to

growing participation in the game of golf.

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