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BROOKS KICKS OFF THE OFFICIAL COUNTDOWN TO THE 2013 PGA CHAMPIONSHIP

Monroe County to host the "Season's Final Major" in less than one year

Standing alongside the PGA Championship's famed Wanamaker Trophy, Monroe County Executive **Maggie Brooks** today announced the official countdown to the 2013 PGA Championship, golf's final major tournament of the year and the event's return to historic Oak Hill Country Club. **Brooks** was joined by PGA of America CEO Joe Steranka, 2013 PGA Championship General Chairman Marty Glavin, elected representatives from around the region and other PGA Championship officials.

"The 2013 PGA Championship will be one of the most highly anticipated sporting events of the next year, and Monroe County is honored to serve as host," said **Brooks**. "Travel, tourism, and the game of golf are big players in the economic vitality of our region. We look forward to showcasing our community and the Championship to visitors from around the world."

The PGA Championship is being held at Oak Hill Country Club August 5 – 11, 2013. To promote the event, a golf ball themed countdown clock was unveiled at the ROC Airport and will remain prominently located for visitors to "countdown the days" until fans line the fairways to view the strongest international field of competitors in a major golf championship. Oak Hill is the only golf club in America to host all six of the men's touring Championships.

"As of today, Monroe County, Oak Hill Country Club, the City of Rochester, the Town of Pittsford, and the entire State of New York are now entrusted by the PGA of America to be the stewards of the PGA Championship," said PGA of America CEO Joe Steranka. "It is their turn to set the stage for Glory's Last Shot. In less than one year, the eyes of the golf world will once again focus on this wonderful community, and there is no doubt that when the time comes they will be ready to host the Season's Final Major."

About the PGA Championship

The 95th PGA Championship will be conducted Aug. 5-11, 2013, at Oak Hill Country Club. The PGA Championship features the strongest field in golf and is considered one of the largest sporting events in the world. Since 1916, golf's best professionals have been competing for the PGA Championship's coveted Wanamaker Trophy; including past champions Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Vijay Singh, Davis Love III, Shaun Micheel, Jack Nicklaus, Sam Snead, Gene Sarazen, Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, and Walter Hagen.

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About The PGA of America

Since its founding in 1916, The PGA of America has maintained a twofold mission: 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 PGA enables its 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 world-class championships and innovative programs, 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. As The PGA nears its centennial, the PGA brand represents the very best in golf.

About Oak Hill Country Club

Oak Hill Country Club (Rochester, N.Y.), recognized as one of the finest golf courses in America, has been synonymous with championship golf. In the past three decades alone, Oak Hills' renowned East Course has hosted the 1980 and 2003 PGA Championships, the 1984 U.S. Senior Open, the 1989 U.S. Open, the 1995 Ryder Cup, the 1998 U.S. Amateur, and the 2008 Senior PGA Championship. The 2013 PGA Championship will mark Oak Hill's 11th premier golf championship.

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