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## Dearborn, Michigan – A Great Summer Event

The 2008 Golf Course Builders Association of America (GCBA) Summer Meeting was once again a great success! Over 200 GCBA members were in attendance to participate during the annual Wednesday night reception, Thursday and Friday educational sessions, golf scramble and the PGA Championship. There was plenty to see and do in the Dearborn, Michigan area. Greenfield Village was 10 minutes from the GCBA headquarters hotel, The Ritz-Carlton. Henry Ford's mansion, museum and the Ford Factory were also nearby for our members to visit and enjoy. Oakland Hills Country Club, site of the 90<sup>th</sup> PGA Championship, was a quick 20 minute bus ride away and despite the hot dry Michigan summer, the course was in great shape.

The agenda of speakers provided information relevant to everyone in attendance. Henry DeLozier of Global Advisors provided an overview of new golf development, and what kind of work was on the horizon and where it might be. Henry commented "make your business more efficient" and suggested either narrowing the focus of your company to strictly building in the US or broadening the scope of work you do and looking to the overseas market. Bill Garcia's presentation on Negotiating Techniques was one of the highlights of the week. Bullet points of his discussion could be seen in use by the membership the rest of the week in Dearborn, while settling the golf score cards, bar tabs and during the raffle drawings!

We are also very thankful that our Allied Associations could join us: Brian Whitcomb with PGA of America, Greg Nathan with the Nation Golf Foundation, Mark Woodward with GCSAA, Steve Mona with World Golf Foundation, Mike Harrington with the Irrigation Association, Jim Moore with the USGA, Resa Kierstein with the National Recreation and Parks Association, Mike Tinkey with the NGCOA, Eric Albrecht with LPGA and Chad Ritterbusch with ASGCA. Other presenters included an overview of immigration issues and the laws provided by attorney John Powers, and an exciting update of the Sticks For Kids program at Rock Island by Bill Fetty. Finally wrapping up the educational portions was the always informative architect's panel including Bruce Charlton, Steve Forrest, Brian Huntley, Bruce Matthews III and Brit Stenson.

Golfers were kept busy with the Scramble tournament held on Thursday afternoon at the Dearborn Country Club. A nearly full tournament teed off on a splendid summer day in Michigan. The day was filled with



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# Ryangolf Corporation

Ryangolf Corporation has evolved through four family generations of construction operations dating back to the late 1800's. Our first golf course was constructed during the decade of the sixties establishing the roots for the current entity. Heavy civil and commercial construction was the basis for a strong understanding of proper construction techniques, client relationships, dedication to quality and attention to detail. This corporate history combined with its vast and varied construction experience, is a testimonial to honesty, integrity and our commitment to excellence.

The Ryangolf Corporate office located in Deerfield Beach, Florida and a regional office located in Estero, Florida, offer direct access to projects and a client base in one of the largest golf course marketplaces in the country with a long list of completed new golf course projects, new golf course communities and renovation projects.

International operations are in early stages of development as we take our reputation and commitment to the Caribbean and South America with new projects for the current year.

From the beginning, Fidel Garcia, President, (GCBA Past president 2004-2005), selected an extremely diversified team of professional to orchestrate the construction of not only stand alone golf course projects but the ability to excavate and manage large quantities of earthwork and in some of the toughest site conditions. Working in extremely rocky environments and at near sea level elevations has been our specialty over the years.

As the back to back winner of the 2005 Heritage Award of Excellence for the construction of Frenchman's Creek Golf Club in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, and the winner of the 2006 Heritage Award of Excellence for the construction of Boca West Country Club, Course #2 in Boca Raton, Florida, it exemplifies Ryangolf's commitment to exceeding their client's expectations. With other projects located along the east coast of the United States, Ryangolf has contributed to the success of the golf course industry.

As a Charter Member of the Golf Course Builder Association since 2001, Ryangolf is committed to representing the GCBA with pride and dedication.