

## David Fay is calling it a career

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David B. Fay, who started his career in golf as a caddie and became an active champion of bringing the U.S. Open to public golf courses, announced today his decision to retire after 21 years as executive director of the United States Golf Association (USGA). "David's passion for the game can be matched only by his passion for the people and the mission of the United States Golf Association," said Jim Hyler, president of the USGA. "He has been a steadfast advocate for the game and our national championships and the USGA is thankful for his service." □ Mike Butz, USGA deputy executive director since 1995, has been named acting executive director while the Association undertakes a national search for a new executive director. Butz will assume the interim role on January 1, 2011.

Fay, 60, began his career with the USGA in 1978, serving first as tournament relations manager and becoming director of program management in 1981. He became assistant executive director in 1987 and was appointed as the sixth executive director of the USGA in 1989. Widely recognized as one of the world's leading authorities on the Rules of Golf, Fay has provided expert commentary and analysis of Rules situations during the network broadcasts of the USGA's national championships since 1995.

"Effective December 31, I'll be retiring from the USGA. It's a place I joined 32 years ago, the last 21 of which I've served as executive director," Fay said. "It's been my privilege to have served under 17 USGA presidents (12 during my tenure as executive director) with each bringing particular talents, views and energies to the position of chief officer. And I've had the pleasure of working with over 100 men and women who've served on the USGA's executive committee. These individuals, along with over 3,000 other USGA committee members I've known through the years, represent the soul of the USGA. They volunteer their time to the Association's work, and I applaud them for their passion and dedication to the game of golf," he continued. "Things are in good order. Our senior staff leaders, each of whom I have put into place, are highly talented and motivated."



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