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NEWPORT BEACH

STEPHEN FRIEDLANDER
VICE PRESIDENT – GOLF, PELICAN HILL GOLF CLUB

Stephen (Steve) Friedlander first put on golf shoes as a teenager when he got a job caddying on a course in his native Minnesota. Baseball was his game at the time, nurtured by dreams of going pro, so he hadn't an inkling that he had taken the first step of a distinguished career in golf that would take him from caddying to becoming one of the industry's most respected leaders.

As the Vice President – Golf at Pelican Hill Golf Club®, Friedlander oversees one of the United States' premier golf clubs with 36-holes of Tom Fazio-designed golf – Pelican Hill Ocean North and Pelican Hill Ocean South, which are both among the nation's most highly rated public courses – and an array of ultra-luxurious facilities and amenities. He assumed the reins of one of the premier golf destinations in the world, set in the dramatically beautiful Newport Coast, after more than 30 years of experience operating renowned golf clubs in the United States and Scotland.

He came to Pelican Hill Golf Club from the Kohler Co. in Kohler, Wis., where he served as general manager and group director of golf. He was responsible for all aspects of the company's golf properties including Whistling Straits and Blackwolf Run in Wisconsin and The Duke's in St. Andrews, Scotland. Under Friedlander's leadership, Whistling Straits hosted the 2004 PGA Championship and will host the tournament again in 2010 and 2015, as well as the Ryder Cup in 2020. It also was the site of the 2007 U.S. Senior Open. The Duke's is one of the finest championship courses in the British Isles.

Friedlander previously served as director of golf at Doral Golf Resort & Spa in Miami, which was part of the PGA tour during his tenure, and as director of golf at Ventana Canyon Golf & Racquet Club in Tucson. He graduated from the College of St. Thomas with a Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education in 1975 and went on to earn a Master of Science in Exercise Physiology in 1976 at Arizona State University, where he also served on the faculty as a golf instructor and assistant baseball coach. In 2006, he was named one of the 20 most admired operators in the country by Golf Inc. magazine, and in 2005, he received the PGA of America Wisconsin Section Bill Strausbaugh Award.

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