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New Executive Chef Appointed at Hickory Hills Country Club, Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, MO, September 2011: Toby Tomko, General Manager for Hickory Hills Country Club, has announced the appointment of Robert Anthony Phillips as the club's new Executive Chef.

"The management and staff are enthusiastic for Chef Phillips to join the Hickory team. We are confident that he will lead our culinary staff to the next level," said Tomko.

Chef Phillips has over 18 years of experience in the culinary world, including fine country clubs and world class resorts. Most recently, Chef Phillips was the owner/operator at *Chefusion Eclectic Cuisine and Lounge* in Green Bay, Wisconsin where he developed the restaurant's concept/infrastructure, created the menus and built a foundation for their house-made breads, desserts, soups and sauces.

"My immediate focus will be training the culinary team," said Phillips. "I am excited for this opportunity and proud to join the Hickory community."

Prior to his ownership position in Green Bay, Chef Phillips served as the Executive Chef/Food and Beverage Director at the *Hummingbird Nest Ranch Resort and Spa* in Los Angeles, California from March of 2007 to June of 2009. During his career, he also served as the Executive Chef at the *Oneida Golf and Riding Club* in Green Bay Wisconsin, *Williamsburg Inn* in Williamsburg, Virginia and *The American Club* in Kohler, Wisconsin.

Chef Phillips is a graduate of Johnson and Wales College in Providence, Rhode Island, where he majored in Culinary Arts.

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Hickory Hills Country Club is Springfield's oldest private country club. Incorporated in 1934, Hickory Hills has distinguished itself as a community dedicated to a tradition of excellence. The club boasts one of Missouri's finest golf courses. The home course of Payne Stewart, two-time U.S. Open Champion, is often called upon to host both regional and state-wide tournaments. By honoring the past while looking toward the future, Hickory Hills Country Club has distinguished itself as a community dedicated to a tradition of excellence.