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Manulife LPGA Classic field rich with Canadian talent

Tournament will have an environmental focus through the use of renewable energy, water stations and waste diversion

Cambridge – Four more Canadians have been confirmed for the Manulife LPGA Classic June 3-7, at Whistle Bear Golf Club in Cambridge. LPGA members Alena Sharp and Sue Kim will be joined by Augusta James and Brittany Henderson, who have been granted sponsor exemptions into the tournament.

Augusta James is the reigning Canadian Women’s Amateur champion who recently turned professional earlier this year. A rookie on the Symetra Tour, James earned her first victory in April winning the Chico’s Patty Berg Memorial tournament by three strokes. James currently sits 2nd on the official money list and is looking to earn her LPGA Tour card for 2016.

Brittany Henderson, also a rookie on the Symetra Tour, has made four cuts this season including a second place finish at the Florida’s Natural Charity Classic. Brittany is the older sister of Brooke Henderson, the Canadian teen who continues to play well on the LPGA Tour and was granted an exemption to the Manulife LPGA Classic earlier this spring.

Seven Canadians are currently scheduled to tee it up during the first week of June. Augusta and Brittany will be joined by Alena Sharp, Sue Kim, Lorie Kane, Jennifer Kirby, and Brooke Henderson.

“We’re proud to showcase our talented Canadian golfers at the Manulife LPGA Classic and I suspect we’ll see many fans out supporting these great players,” said Milaina Wright, Tournament Director.

Behind the scenes at the Manulife LPGA Classic, tournament organizers have been busy implementing green initiatives to create a more environmentally sustainable event.

One such initiative includes choosing Bullfrog Power's green electricity to reduce the tournament's environmental impact. Through the partnership, Bullfrog Power's generators put 100 per cent clean, pollution-free electricity onto the grid to match the amount of power used at the Whistle Bear Golf Club for the duration of the Manulife LPGA Classic. In addition, the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the use of diesel generators and event vehicles will be neutralized through the purchase and retirement of high quality carbon offsets, through a partnership with Less Emissions.

Spectators will be able to help divert waste from landfills by using the recyclable and organic disposal bins available around the course. Volunteers from Waste Management will be on hand to help individuals sort their waste into the proper receptacles.

The Manulife LPGA Classic is also helping to reduce waste by offering a free water refill station for spectators provided by the City of Cambridge. Spectators are encouraged to bring an empty refillable water bottle when they attend to take advantage of the water refill station.

Finally, spectators can visit the saveONenergy Recharge Lounge to power up their mobile devices from a solar panel sponsored by local electric utilities.

With an outstanding field, multiple spectator amenities and an environmental focus, fans are sure to enjoy their day at the Manulife LPGA Classic.

For tickets and tournament information visit Manulifeclassic.ca

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About the Manulife LPGA Classic

The Manulife LPGA Classic is back for its fourth year on the LPGA Tour and will feature a standard eligibility field of 150 players, 72 holes of stroke play and a purse of USD\$1.5 million. The tournament will take place June 3-7, 2015, at Whistle Bear Golf Club in Cambridge, Ontario. For more information, please visit: manulifeclassic.ca. Follow us on Twitter: @ManulifeClassic.

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