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**The Field is heating up at the 2015 Manulife LPGA Classic as fan favourites are announced**

*Stacy Lewis, Jennifer Kirby, Brooke Henderson, Lorie Kane, Michelle Wie, Lydia Ko and Brittany Lincicome will all compete for the 2015 title*

**Cambridge** – Fans can expect exciting play on the fairways at Whistle Bear Golf Club during this year's Manulife LPGA Classic from Canadian favourites Brooke Henderson, Lorie Kane and Jennifer Kirby, plus LPGA Tour stars Stacy Lewis, Michelle Wie, Lydia Ko and Brittany Lincicome.

These talented golfers will join previously announced Manulife LPGA Classic past champions Inbee Park, Hee Young Park and Brittany Lang when the 2015 circuit rolls into the Waterloo Region during this year's tournament from June 3 – 7, 2015.

"The Manulife LPGA Classic continues to attract top players with five of the top ten ranked players already committed to compete this year including Lydia Ko, Inbee Park, Stacy Lewis, Brittany Lincicome and Michelle Wie," said Tournament Director, Milaina Wright. "Our fans will be able to witness some of the most talented golfers in the world – right here in the Waterloo Region."

"The field is looking strong with our player line up to date," said Marianne Harrison, President and CEO Manulife Canada. "Stacy Lewis, currently ranked third in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings, returns along with fellow Canadians Jennifer Kirby, from Paris Ontario, and the legendary Lori Kane. We're also looking forward to once again welcoming 17-year-old Brooke Henderson from Smiths Falls, Ontario, who is making headlines on the LPGA Tour with her strong performances at the Swinging Skirts LPGA Classic (3rd) and Volunteers of America North Texas Shootout (T13)."

The Manulife LPGA Classic is proud to once again support the St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation. Since 2012 almost \$850,000 has been donated via the tournament to the Hospital's Regional Cardiac Care Centre.

“The ongoing support has made a significant difference in our patient care,” said foundation president, Peter Sweeney. “All fans and the greater community are encouraged to wear red on Friday June 5, in support of RED Day and make a donation at [www.manulifematch.ca](http://www.manulifematch.ca) until June 8<sup>th</sup>. All donations will be generously matched by Manulife – so your impact is doubled!”

For more information, including ticketing and volunteer opportunities, visit [www.manulifeclassic.ca](http://www.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](http://manulifeclassic.ca). Follow us on Twitter: @ManulifeClassic.

#### **About Manulife**

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#### **About Whistle Bear Golf Club**

Whistle Bear Golf Club re-opened its clubhouse in July 2014 after a substantial rebuild. With a distinct emphasis on family membership and participation, Whistle Bear has a unique plan to develop into a multi-sport facility; family-friendly and strongly rooted in the community. Unlike traditional clubs, Whistle Bear has no initiation fee and offers an exceptional experience in terms of hospitality and Earth to Table cuisine. For more information please visit [whistlebear.ca](http://whistlebear.ca).

#### **About Sports Properties International**

As owner of the Manulife LPGA Classic, Sports Properties International was created to provide an environment where communities and spectacular sporting events can come together, connected by a common interest. Sports Properties International can be found on the internet at [spint.ca](http://spint.ca).

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each client with expertise in strategic planning, marketing, advertising, public and media relations, ticket and merchandise sales, sponsor relations, hospitality consulting, event operations, event financial planning/accounting, and volunteer coordination. Visit [brunoeventteam.com](http://brunoeventteam.com) for additional information.

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