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Manulife Financial LPGA Classic to be held at Whistle Bear Golf Club for next two years

Waterloo – The Manulife Financial LPGA Classic announced today that the fourth and fifth staging of the tournament will take place at Whistle Bear Golf Club in Waterloo Region. The tournament is the only global sporting event in the area.

“Grey Silo, GolfNorth and the City of Waterloo have been great partners throughout this journey of bringing the world’s best female golfers to Waterloo Region,” said Hugh Morrow, CEO of Sports Properties International. “As the tournament continues to grow, we are pleased to announce a new location for 2015 and 2016 at Whistle Bear Golf Club, and like Grey Silo, I know our partnership will be successful for this world-class event.”

In its first three years, the Manulife Financial LPGA Classic has seen more than 184,000 spectators pass through the gates at Grey Silo. Inbee Park, from South Korea received the top-honor this year, tying a course record with a 10-under 61, making it her 10th LPGA Tour title. Park finished three shots ahead of World Ranked No. 13 Cristie Kerr.

“We’re confident Whistle Bear will serve as a wonderful host course to golfers and fans, while representing Waterloo Region on a global stage,” said Marianne Harrison, President & CEO, Manulife Canada.

Returning to an early June date, the fourth annual Manulife Financial LPGA Classic will take place June 3-7, 2015.

For more information, visit www.manulifeclassic.ca.

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About the [Manulife Financial LPGA Classic](http://www.manulifeclassic.ca)

The Manulife Financial LPGA Classic is back for its fourth year on the LPGA Tour and will feature a standard eligibility field of 144 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: www.manulifeclassic.ca. Follow us on Twitter: [@ManulifeClassic](https://twitter.com/ManulifeClassic).

About [Manulife](http://www.manulife.com)

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Manulife Financial Corporation trades as 'MFC' on the TSX, NYSE and PSE, and under '945' on the SEHK. Manulife can be found on the Internet at manulife.com.

About [Whistle Bear Golf Club](#)

Whistle Bear Golf Club, located outside Cambridge and nested on 232 acres, offers one of Southern Ontario's finest golf experiences.

Opening July 2014, Whistle Bear's renovated 40,000 sq. ft. clubhouse is a breath-taking sight, a clubhouse like no other in the region. Featuring distinctive event spaces for intimate private functions or large social gatherings, well-appointed locker rooms, state of the art fitness centre, outdoor bon-fires with Muskoka chairs and delicious Earth to Table inspired cuisine. These unique elements create a 'home away from home' experience for golfers to enjoy, a friendly ambience with unique attention to high-comfort style.

Whistle Bear's goal is to build a community through our members, their families and guests focused around recreational activities, exceptional golf and a place to celebrate life's milestones.

About [Sports Properties International](#)

As owner of the Manulife Financial 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 www.spint.ca.

About [Bruno Event Team](#)

Bruno Event Team (BET) is a Birmingham, Alabama-based sports marketing and event management company formed in 1996 by Ronald Bruno and Gene Hallman. Bruno Event Team is experienced in all facets of event management, employing a year-round staff of 70+ employees in nine offices around the United States and Canada. Bruno Event Team Services 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 www.brunoeventteam.com for additional information.

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