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## **Marquee Players Commit to Manulife LPGA Classic**

Wie, Pressel, Lincicome, Woods, Kerr and Kane set to compete

**Cambridge** – Golf fans are sure to be impressed by the lineup of players confirmed for the Manulife LPGA Classic. The fifth annual tournament will be held August 31 – September 4, at Whistle Bear Golf Club in Cambridge. Michelle Wie, Morgan Pressel, Brittany Lincicome, Cheyenne Woods, Cristie Kerr, and Lorie Kane have all committed to compete for the US\$1.6 million purse.

Fan favourites Wie, Pressel and Lincicome are all multiple winners on the LPGA Tour but each is still looking to claim a victory in 2016. World No. 28 Lincicome placed T59 last year in Cambridge and is looking forward to playing Whistle Bear again.

“I was impressed by the fan support,” said Lincicome. “I had a crowd follow me for my entire round and was able to feed off their energy.”

In 2015, Woods and Kerr made headlines with their first round play at Whistle Bear by tying a course record with a round of 9-under par. The links-style course proved favourable to Kerr’s game as the LPGA Tour veteran stayed near the top of the leaderboard before carding a 1-over par final round and finishing T4.

Canadian Lorie Kane will once again compete at the Manulife LPGA Classic. As an LPGA Tour member for 20 years, Kane is certain to draw a large following at Whistle Bear. She will join previously announced Canadians Brooke Henderson and Alena Sharp to compete for the title.

Earlier this summer, the tournament confirmed world No. 1 Lydia Ko, defending Champion Suzann Pettersen as well as Manulife Ambassadors Stacy Lewis and Brittany Lang all intend to compete in the Manulife LPGA Classic.

### **Limited tickets available for Women of Influence luncheon**

The Women of Influence luncheon, a new addition to this year tournament, promises to be an inspiring event for both personal and professional development. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> at Whistle Bear Golf Club and will feature Manulife Canada's President and CEO, Marianne Harrison along with LPGA Tour stand out, Stacy Lewis. Both women will share stories of their experiences on the way to achieving success.

### **Volunteer still needed**

Over 800 volunteers will be on hand to assist when the stars of the LPGA Tour compete at the Manulife LPGA Classic. Volunteers are asked to work three shifts during the week and are able to select from a variety of different positions. This is a great opportunity to take part at an international sporting event, make new friends and have some fun all while giving back to your community.

For tournament tickets, Women of Influence luncheon tickets and tournament information – including volunteer registration visit [ManulifeClassic.ca](http://ManulifeClassic.ca)

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### **About the Manulife LPGA Classic**

The Manulife LPGA Classic is back for its fifth 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\$1.6 million. The tournament will take place August 31 – September 4 , 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).

### **About Bruno Event Team**

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