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Less than three months until the 2016 Manulife LPGA Classic

LPGA pro Stacy Lewis and Manulife's Marianne Harrison to speak at new Women of Influence luncheon

Waterloo, Ontario – With less than three months until the Manulife LPGA Classic at Whistle Bear Golf Club, preparations are in full swing.

The 2016 tournament is being held August 31 to September 4. A shift in date this year is due to the Summer Olympic Games where women's golf will be contested for the first time in history.

"It's exciting we'll be welcoming Olympians to the tournament this year. Our fans will have an extraordinary opportunity to greet these stars just 10 days after their competition in Rio," said Milaina Wright, Tournament Director.

Stacy Lewis to compete in 2016 tournament

World ranked no. 7, Manulife ambassador Stacy Lewis is currently slated to represent the U.S. at the Olympics this summer. Following the games she is looking forward to returning to Whistle Bear Golf Club to compete in the Manulife LPGA Classic.

"The course was beautiful and in such great condition and I'm always impressed by the fan support we receive in Canada," said Lewis. She will join the field of 150 golfers competing for the US\$1.6 million purse.

Aside from watching the best women in the world compete for the title, there are multiple fun activities and events happening during tournament week. Favourite features including the Manulife Bank One Putt Challenge, Kids' Zone and M&T Autograph Zone will provide spectators with opportunities to have fun and interact.

Women of Influence luncheon

New this year, the Manulife LPGA Classic is introducing the Women of Influence luncheon to be held on Tuesday, August 30 at Whistle Bear Golf Club. This special event is open to the public and will provide attendees with a unique opportunity to connect and celebrate the journeys of two influential women. Marianne Harrison, President & CEO, Manulife Canada, as well as Manulife ambassador and Olympic hopeful, Stacy Lewis will speak to the challenges they've faced, and how they have achieved success in their given fields. The luncheon promises to be an inspiring event focusing on both professional and personal development.

Red Day returns

Friday, September 2 will once again be Red Day in support of St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation. LPGA Tour players and fans are encouraged to wear red to bring awareness to heart health. Over the past four years, the Manulife LPGA Classic has donated over \$1.2 million towards the Regional Cardiac Care Centre at St. Mary's General Hospital and will continue this tradition of giving in 2016.

For more information on the tournament, tickets – including tickets for the Women of Influence luncheon – hospitality and sponsorship options, or to find out more on how to get involved as a volunteer, visit manulifeclassic.ca.

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About the Manulife LPGA Classic

The Manulife LPGA Classic is one of only two Canadian stops on the LPGA Tour and features a standard eligibility field of 150 players, 72 holes of stroke play and a purse of US\$1.6 million. The 2016 event will take place August 31 – September 4, at Whistle Bear Golf Club near Cambridge, Ontario in Waterloo region, home of Manulife's Canadian Division headquarters. www.manulifeclassic.ca

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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.

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