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Manulife LPGA Classic Champion Caroline Masson
First Win on LPGA Tour
Record crowd of 68,000

Cambridge – Caroline Masson, from Germany, won her 1st LPGA Tour title by going 16-under with a final round of 67. She narrowly escaped a playoff with six players who were all within two shots thanks to her nine birdies of the round. Masson was awarded the winner’s cheque of \$240,000.

“Congratulations to Caroline Masson, the fifth Manulife LPGA Classic champion - a true ambassador for the sport,” said Marianne Harrison, President and CEO, Manulife Canada. “Thank you to the players, fans, volunteers and tournament staff who all came together this week to create another exciting event. We look forward to bringing the world’s best female golfers back to Waterloo Region in 2017.”

Masson is the second first-time LPGA Tour winner of the Manulife LPGA Classic and the second consecutive European champion, after Norway’s Suzann Pettersen. Masson was amongst the leaders coming into Sunday, just three shots off the lead. “Obviously the conditions were perfect. I mean the weather was perfect. The golf course was fantastic, and I know there are a lot of birdie opportunities out there...I thought I was too far behind, but yeah, very happy to see that it worked out,” said Masson.

“This was a record year for us- with approximately 68,000 fans from Waterloo Region and beyond coming out to Whistle Bear throughout the week,” said Milaina Wright, Tournament Director. “The community really embraces this event and continues to make it one of the best-attended events on the LPGA Tour, and we’re really proud of that. With 150 world-class

athletes, spectator activities and the beautiful weather, it was the perfect long weekend. We look forward to welcoming everyone back again June 7-11, 2017.”

1.6 Million raised for St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation

The Manulife LPGA Classic is thrilled to announce this year's donation of a record \$447,567, surpassing \$1.6 million through various initiatives over the past five years.

“We are honored to, once again, join Manulife and Sports Properties International as the official charity partner of the Manulife LPGA Classic for the 5th consecutive year,” said Susan Dusick, St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation Interim President. “Their continued support ensures that our friends, neighbours and loved ones have access to the quality health care they need and deserve, close to home. We are truly grateful for their investment in the health of our community. “

Red Day Friday continues to be a crowd favourite on and off the green. This year Red Day had support from the entire community, with local businesses, news anchors, fire and police departments and more rallying by wearing red for women's heart health and St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation.

Tickets for the 2017 Manulife LPGA Classic are expected to go on sale this fall. For more information, visit www.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, 2016, at Whistle Bear Golf Club in Cambridge, Ontario. For more information, please visit: manulifeclassic.ca. Follow us on Twitter: @ManulifeClassic.

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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.

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.

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 brunoeventteam.com for additional information.

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