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LEGENDS RENO-TAHOE OPEN COLLECTS GOLF EQUIPMENT FOR SOLDIERS STATIONED OVERSEAS

Donate Golf Equipment at Golf Headquarters through July 2009

RENO, Nev. (May 25, 2009) – The Legends at Sparks Marina Reno-Tahoe Open along with EMPLOYERS, a Reno-based group of companies providing workers' compensation insurance and services to select, small businesses, seeks the northern Nevada community's help in collecting new and used golf clubs and balls to benefit members of the United States Armed Forces. Donations are currently being accepted at Golf Headquarters, located at 4112 Kietzke Lane in Reno, through July 31, 2009 to be sent to armed forces for use at golf courses and driving ranges in Iraq and Afghanistan. The Clubs for Armed Forces program was developed by EMPLOYERS' General Counsel Leonard Ormsby, a 25-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force and Air National Guard, together with tournament organizers in an effort to give back to those who serve this country.

"The demand for recreational equipment by members of our armed forces is very high as some of these people are over there for months or even years," added Ormsby. "Knowing what it's like to be away from home for long periods of time without family or friends, I thought this would be a great way to raise our soldiers' spirits and let them know how much we appreciate what they've given up for us."

To kick off the Clubs for the Armed Forces program, Golf Headquarters and the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open bring KKOH-AM radio out to the store Monday, May 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. to help spread the word and encourage donations. All donations accepted by July 31, 2009 will be flown overseas Aug. 9, 2009 after completing a fly-over during the trophy presentation on the final day of the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open.

"We believe it's important to do what we can to support our troops fighting in the Middle East," said Michael Stearns, Legends Reno-Tahoe Open tournament director. "We offer free admission into the tournament to active military personnel and their dependents but this year we wanted to take it a step further – we wanted to give them a little piece of home as our way of saying 'thank you' – and what better way than with a round of golf."

Donations of new or used golf clubs, club sets and balls can be dropped off at Golf Headquarters, open Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Golf Headquarters is also offering a \$10 discount to those donating complete sets of irons and \$5 discounts for drivers and fairway woods. All clubs must be manufactured after 1990.

For more information on how to donate, as well as this year's Legends at Sparks Marina Reno-Tahoe Open, including ticket sales, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.LegendsRenoTahoeOpen.com or contact the tournament office at 775-322-3900.

The 11th annual Legends Reno-Tahoe Open, an official PGA TOUR event, takes place Aug. 3 - 9, 2009 at Montréux Golf & Country Club in Reno, Nev. As the PGA TOUR's only summer West Coast venue, the tournament is a regular full-field stop on the TOUR schedule and is part of the FedExCup series, a points competition for PGA TOUR professionals. The nationally-televised tournament brings in millions of dollars in coverage for the region through its affiliation with The Golf Channel and follows the 132 PGA TOUR professionals competing for a share of the \$3 million purse. The Legends Reno-Tahoe Open is operated and managed by the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation comprised of its members including RED Development's The Legends at Sparks Marina, Eldorado Hotel Casino, EMPLOYERS, Montréux Development Group, Reno-Tahoe and NV Energy.

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