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INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR PRESENT IN LEGENDS AT SPARKS MARINA RENO-TAHOE OPEN FIELD *Fifteen Countries Provide Worldly Feel to July 28-Aug. 3 PGA TOUR Event*

RENO, Nev. (July 28, 2008) – Alejandro Canizares hails from Spain, Ryuji Imada and Daisuke Maruyama hail from Japan and Kevin Na, Jin Park and Y.E. Yang call South Korea their birthplace. Carlos Franco is from Paraguay, Sweden is represented by Mathias Gronberg, Gabriel Hjertstedt and recent U.S. Bank Championship winner Richard S. Johnson, while Marco Dawson was born in nearby Germany.

Speaking of Germany, that's where Alex Cejka moved after his family fled then-Communist controlled Czechoslovakia in the late 1970s. Wen-Chong Liang hails from China. And that's only a small sampling of the United Nations flavor represented at the Legends at Sparks Marina Reno-Tahoe Open, which returns to the Montréux Golf & Country Club July 28—Aug. 3.

Spain, Japan, South Korea, Sweden, Paraguay, Germany and China are seven of the 15 countries (including the United States) represented in this year's field. Those 15 countries are spread over six of the seven continents – every continent save Antarctica.

Led by nine players from Australia, seven of those 15 countries come from the British Commonwealth. Coming from Down Under are Australians Andrew Buckle, Gavin Coles, Steve Allan, Nick Flanagan, Matthew Goggin, Nathan Green, Mark Hensby, Matt Jones and David Lutterus. Coming to Montréux from even further Down Under are New Zealanders Phil Taturangi, Grant Waite and Tim Wilkinson.

Also present from the Commonwealth are Canadians Ian Leggatt and Jon Mills, South Africa's Brendan Pappas and the United Kingdom's Kenneth Ferrie and Brian Davis (England), Richard Johnson (Wales) and Scotland's Martin Laird.

Ellen Oppenheim, the President and CEO of the Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitor's Authority, said, "The RSCVA is delighted the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open has attracted such a global field from the various countries. Reno-Tahoe is America's Adventure Place and the international players in this field will take their personal experiences back to their countries as our messengers to what the Reno-Tahoe region has to offer."

Currently, 32 players who were born outside of the United States are entered in the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open. Aside from Richard S. Johnson, four of those players own PGA TOUR victories: Imada (2008 AT&T Classic), Hensby (2004 John Deere Classic), Leggatt (2002 Touchstone Energy Tucson Open) and Waite (1993 Kemper Open).

"This shows you that the depth of talent on the PGA TOUR goes beyond the United States, and that a lot of these talented international players want to play the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open," Tournament Director Michael Stearns said. "You look at players like Alejandro Canizares, Nick Flanagan, Ryuji Imada and Kevin Na and you see the future of the PGA TOUR. These are up-and-coming stars out here."

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The decorations don't end there. Cejka has won 11 international tournaments and played in eight World Cups. Green has won three events on three different tours: Australasian, Canadian and European. Gronberg owns four European Tour titles, including the Smurfit European Open.

Flanagan, who earned a battlefield promotion to the PGA TOUR for winning three times on the Nationwide Tour last season, is a former U.S. Amateur champion. He won the 2003 U.S. Amateur, becoming the first Australian in a century and the first international player in 32 years to win the most prestigious amateur tournament in the world.

Richard Johnson was the leading money winner on the demanding Nationwide Tour last season and Na – who was the youngest player on the PGA TOUR for his first two full seasons -- won the Volvo Masters of Asia at 19.

For more information on seeing these up-and-coming stars and others in this year's Legends Reno-Tahoe Open field, visit www.LegendsRenoTahoeOpen.com or contact the tournament office at 775-322-3900.

The Legends at Sparks Marina Reno-Tahoe Open, an official PGA TOUR event, celebrates its 10th anniversary July 28 – Aug. 3, 2008 at Montréux Golf & Country Club in Reno, Nev. As the PGA TOUR's only West Coast summer 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 as it follows 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 Eldorado Hotel Casino, EMPLOYERS, Montréux Development Group, RED Development, LLC, Reno-Tahoe, America's Adventure Place and Sierra Pacific Resources.

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