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## THE LEGENDS AT SPARKS MARINA RENO-TAHOE OPEN 2008 FACT SHEET

### EVENT OVERVIEW

The 2008 Legends at Sparks Marina Reno-Tahoe Open is Reno-Tahoe's only professional-level sporting event and the only PGA TOUR stop on the West Coast during the summer months. As part of the FedEx Cup, The Legends Reno-Tahoe Open celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary July 28 – Aug. 3, 2008 at Montréux Golf & Country Club, northern Nevada's only Jack Nicklaus Signature Design course.

### LOCATION AND COURSE

Montréux Golf & Country Club, Reno, Nev.

- Opened: June 28 1997
- Owner/Developer: Montréux Partners, LTD, Sam Jaksick, CE and Stan Jaksick
- Address: 18077 Bordeaux Drive, Reno, Nevada 89511
- Phone: 775-849-9496 Pro Shop / 775-849-1090 Membership Office
- Golf Course Designer: Jack Nicklaus
- Course Description:
  - Yardage: 7,472 from the Golden Bear Tees (third longest on tour)
  - Par: 72
  - Slope: 145 from the Golden Bear Tees
  - Greens: Average size approximately 6,300 sq. ft.
  - Turf: Fairways and tees pro-cup bent grass
  - Greens: Crenshaw bent grass
  - Rough: Fescue/Blue grass blend
  - Bunkers: Approximately 70 sand bunkers using a special blend of white sand shipped from Idaho
  - Water Hazards:
    - Lakes: holes 5, 6, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17
    - Waterfalls: holes 9, 15, 16
    - Latent Water: holes 2, 3, 7, 8, 11
  - Construction: Paragon golf course construction – A Jack Nicklaus company
  - Landscaping: Artistic Gardens, Inc.
  - Irrigation: Rainbird Maxi U system with weather station
  - Design Features: Traditional golf course layout in a combination high desert and pine forest setting.
  - Unique Features: The signature "Bear Trap" is a dramatic trio of holes fifteen through seventeen featuring shimmering lakes, breathtaking mountain views and undulating greens. The tee elevation above the fairway on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole is 138 feet.

- Practice Facilities: The 400-yard practice facility includes six target greens and an 18,000 square foot putting and chipping green. In addition, the club offers a 160 yard practice hole designed by LPGA Pro Patty Sheehan and three additional regulation practice holes.
- Clubhouse: Completed in March 2000, the French Country Manor Clubhouse separate dining rooms, elegant locker rooms, a wine cellar and complete pro shop facilities.
- Swim/Tennis & Fitness Center: The Swim/Tennis & Fitness Center located adjacent to the clubhouse is a 5,000 square foot center that offers the finest in cardiovascular and weight training equipment, an aerobics studio, a Tennis & Fitness Pro Shop, three tennis courts, members swimming pool and member grill.

**THE PLAYERS** Over the years, the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open has seen some of the biggest players on the TOUR. The tournament has had nearly 40 players who have won major championships and many Ryder Cup and President's Cup players including:

Fred Couples	Charles Howell III	Mark O' Meara
John Daly	Justin Leonard	Chris Riley
Luke Donald	Scott McCarron	Adam Scott
Steve Elkington	Corey Pavin	David Toms
Nick Faldo	Jose Maria Olzabal	Scott Verplank
Sergio Garcia		

**DEFENDING CHAMPION** Steve Flesch, first-time PGA TOUR winner

**EVENT FORMAT** Four-day, 72-hole stroke-play competition; cut after 36 holes to low 70 and ties

**EVENT FIELD** 132 players from the PGA TOUR

**PURSE** \$3 million

**CHARITABLE PROCEEDS** Several local charities have benefited greatly from the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation. To-date more than \$1.7 million has been donated to local non-profits.

**MANAGEMENT** The Legends Reno-Tahoe Open is operated and managed by the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation, comprised of its Founding Members.

#### **RENO-TAHOE OPEN FOUNDATION**

Foundation Chair: John Sande III

Founding Members include: The Legends at Sparks Marina, Eldorado Hotel Casino, EMPLOYERS Holdings, Inc., Montréux Golf & Country Club, Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority and Sierra Pacific Resources

**SPONSORSHIPS** The Reno-Tahoe Open offers various sponsorship levels. Additional information is available online at [www.LegendsRenoTahoeOpen.com](http://www.LegendsRenoTahoeOpen.com).

## BIRDIES FOR CHARITY

The Birdies for Charity program is supported, run and organized by the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation, a non-profit charitable organization established in 1999 for the purpose of generating funds to operate the Legends Reno-Tahoe Open. Birdies for Charity challenges its fans to bet on the number of birdies shot, by wagering anything from 10 cents up to \$10 per birdie. Bettors guess the total number that will be made during the 2008 tournament for a chance to win a brand new set of Callaway golf clubs. Last year the tournament reached 1,433 birdies with an average of 1,500 birdies shot over the tournament's nine-year history. All contributions are fully tax deductible and go to support northern Nevada charities and non-profit organizations.

For more information on this year's Legends at Sparks Marina Reno-Tahoe Open, including ticket sales, volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit [www.LegendsRenoTahoeOpen.com](http://www.LegendsRenoTahoeOpen.com) or contact the tournament office at 775-322-3900.

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