



## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **FIELD FINALIZED FOR P&G BEAUTY NW ARKANSAS CHAMPIONSHIP**

**ROGERS, AR** – Tournament officials for the P&G Beauty NW Arkansas Championship presented by John Q. Hammons have announced the final field of professional golfers that will be competing next week at Pinnacle Country Club. Golfers had until Tuesday, September 1 at 5:00 p.m. EST to register for the event. The 54-hole official LPGA Tour tournament will take place Friday, September 11 – Sunday, September 13.

Sixteen of the top-20 golfers on the LPGA Official Money List will compete for the \$270,000 champion's share. The most notable first-time competitors are 19 year-old rookie Michelle Wie, who comes to Arkansas following a breakout performance at the LPGA's Solheim Cup, and Yani Tseng, the second-ranked golfer in the world.

The tournament will also have 11 of the 12 U.S. members from the winning Solheim Cup team. This includes Cristie Kerr (ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the world), Paula Creamer (ranked 4<sup>th</sup>) and Angela Stanford (ranked 8<sup>th</sup>). Kerr is also the leading money-winner on the LPGA Tour this season.

"This field is truly world class and is undoubtedly the best in our young history in Northwest Arkansas," said Tournament Chairman Jay Allen.

Former Arkansas women's golfer Lucy Nunn and Russian-born Maria Verchenova received the tournament's two sponsor exemptions. Two golfers will earn the final spots in the field via an 18-hole qualifying round at Pinnacle on Tuesday, September 8.

Daily tickets are \$15 Tuesday – Thursday of tournament week and \$25 for championship play, Friday – Sunday. Week-long tickets can be purchased for \$50. Fans can purchase online at [www.PGBeautyChampionship.com](http://www.PGBeautyChampionship.com) or by calling (479) 715-6100. The tournament recently announced that Travis Tritt will perform a free, outdoor concert in association with the event that will be held on Dickson Street in Fayetteville. It will take place Friday, September 11 at 8:00 p.m.

A complete player list is below:



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Shi Hyun Ahn  
 Helen Alfredsson  
 Beth Bader  
 Kyeong Bae  
 Marisa Baena  
 Erica Blasberg  
 Minea Blomqvist  
 Heather Bowie Young  
 Audra Burks  
 Angela Buzminski  
 Nicole Castrale  
 Silvia Cavalleri  
 Irene Cho  
 Jeanne Cho-Hunicke  
 Chella Choi  
 Hye Jung Choi  
 Na Yeon Choi  
 Il Mi Chung  
 Paula Creamer  
 Diana D'Alessio  
 Eva Dahllof  
 Dorothy Delasin  
 Laura Diaz  
 Danielle Downey  
 Meredith Duncan  
 Moira Dunn  
 Michelle Ellis  
 Tania Elosegui  
 Mollie Fankhauser  
 Shanshan Feng  
 Allison Fouch  
 Meaghan Francella  
 Louise Friberg  
 Katie Futcher  
 Sandra Gal  
 Jackie Gallagher-Smith  
 Sophie Giquel  
 Kate Golden  
 Julieta Granada  
 Anna Grzebien  
 Natalie Gulbis  
 Kim Hall  
 Hee-Won Han  
 Allison Hanna-Williams  
 Marcy Hart  
 Rachel Hetherington

Maria Hjorth  
 Katherine Hull  
 Jamie Hullett  
 Amy Hung  
 M.J. Hur  
 Pat Hurst  
 Vicky Hurst  
 Karine Icher  
 Becky Iverson  
 Brandi Jackson  
 Jeong Jang  
 Jimin Jeong  
 Eun-Hee Ji  
 Lorie Kane  
 Haeji Kang  
 Jimin Kang  
 Soo-Yun Kang  
 Sarah Kemp  
 Cristie Kerr  
 Christina Kim  
 In-Kyung Kim  
 Joo Mi Kim  
 Mindy Kim  
 Na Ri Kim  
 Song-Hee Kim  
 Young Kim  
 Candie Kung  
 Brittany Lang  
 Jee Young Lee  
 Jeehae Lee  
 Meena Lee  
 Sarah Lee  
 Seon Hwa Lee  
 Taylor Leon  
 Stacy Lewis  
 Brittany Lincicome  
 Leta Lindley  
 Carolina Llano  
 Stephanie Louden  
 Teresa Lu  
 Becky Lucidi  
 Paige Mackenzie  
 Meg Mallon  
 Charlotte Mayorkas  
 Jill McGill  
 Kristy McPherson

Ai Miyazato  
 Mika Miyazato  
 Janice Moodie  
 Becky Morgan  
 Johanna Mundy  
 Liselotte Neumann  
 Ji Young Oh  
 Jin Young Pak  
 Se Ri Pak  
 Angela Park  
 Hee Young Park  
 Inbee Park  
 Jane Park  
 Mikaela Parmlid  
 Stacy Prammanasudh  
 Morgan Pressel  
 Reilley Rankin  
 Anna Rawson  
 Michele Redman  
 Samantha Richdale  
 Jennifer Rosales  
 Giulia Sergas  
 Alena Sharp  
 Jiyai Shin  
 Ashleigh Simon  
 Karin Sjodin  
 Sarah Jane Smith  
 Nontaya Srisawang  
 Louise Stahle  
 Angela Stanford  
 Lisa Strom  
 Karen Stupples  
 Kris Tamulis  
 Kris Tschetter  
 Yani Tseng  
 Wendy Ward  
 Michelle Wie  
 Leah Wigger  
 Maggie Will  
 Carri Wood  
 Lindsey Wright  
 Amy Yang  
 Eunjung Yi  
 Sung Ah Yim  
 Sun Young Yoo

Lucy Nunn (*exemption*), Maria Verchenova (*exemption*), (2) LPGA Qualifiers



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