



WALMART AND P&G COMMIT TO BRINGING THE BEST IN THE WORLD TO NW ARKANSAS THROUGH 2015

Walmart, P&G announce dates for 2013 LPGA's NW Arkansas Championship

ROGERS, AR (NOV. 27, 2012) – The Walmart Northwest Arkansas Championship presented by P&G will return to Pinnacle Country Club in Rogers in June 2013, tournament officials have announced. The specific dates for LPGA event week next year will be Monday June 17 through Sunday June 23, with the three rounds of tournament competition taking place Friday through Sunday of that week.

In addition to confirming next year's dates, the tournament also announced that its top two sponsors, Walmart and P&G, have renewed their sponsorship commitments for three more years through 2015. Walmart is the title sponsor of the event and P&G is presenting sponsor.

"We consider it very significant to not only announce that the LPGA is returning to Northwest Arkansas next year, but also that our two lead sponsors have committed to our event through the year 2015," said Tournament Director David Shoemaker. "This gives us an opportunity to continue to build and improve our event, and to add to the quality of life in Northwest Arkansas for years to come."

Added Susan Chambers, Executive Vice President of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and head of the company's Global People group, "Walmart's long-standing support of this event is consistent with the company's overall commitment toward showcasing Northwest Arkansas as one of the best places in America to live and work. We look forward to seeing this tournament continue to grow and add value in our community."

Like this year, the 2013 Northwest Arkansas LPGA event will immediately precede the U.S. Women's Open at Sebonack Golf Club in Southampton, NY. As a lead-in to the U.S. Women's Open and with one of the top purses on the LPGA tour at \$2 million, the Northwest Arkansas event once again should attract a top international field, Shoemaker added.

"When you combine a terrific golf venue, a top-notch purse and that world famous 'Arkansas hospitality,' it's no surprise that the Walmart NW Arkansas Championship has become a player favorite on the LPGA," LPGA Commissioner Michael Whan said. "Most importantly, the people of Walmart and P&G have become not only great business partners, but also great friends to our Tour,"

This year, the tournament faced record-setting heat, and through the help of Walmart, the tournament was able to provide spectators with free bottled water, special shade zones and chilled towels. Walmart donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to execute these operations, creating the best event possible for spectators in extreme conditions.

"At the LPGA, we are so appreciative that Walmart has given us the opportunity to entertain both their many business partners and also golf fans in NW Arkansas – not to mention to more than 130 countries that view the tournament on our worldwide television partners," Whan said. "Community and charity are such a big part of everything Walmart does and our players can't wait to return."



This year's field featured eight of the world's top-10 players including two-time winner of the Northwest Arkansas event Yani Tseng, current No. 2 player in the world Stacy Lewis, and eventual 2012 Walmart NW Arkansas Champion Ai Miyazato.

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