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**Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada announces addition of
Niagara Championship to 2016 schedule**

Twelfth event of 2016 season replaces cancelled Syncrude Boreal Open

Fort Erie, Ont. – The Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada announced today the addition of the Niagara Championship to the 2016 schedule, an official event to be conducted at Cherry Hill Club in Fort Erie, Ontario.

The 144-player event will take place September 5-11, leading into the season-ending Freedom 55 Financial Championship. The event's addition to the 2016 schedule comes following the cancellation of the Syncrude Boreal Open presented by AECON earlier this season due to the Fort McMurray Wildfires.

“When we were forced to cancel the event in Fort McMurray earlier this year, we immediately began exploring our options to add a new tournament to the 2016 schedule,” said Mackenzie Tour President Jeff Monday “As a pathway for players to earn Web.com Tour status, we felt it was important to maintain a 12-event schedule and we are thrilled to have added another tournament at a top-quality venue.

“It’s exciting to be holding an event in the Niagara region, and our thanks goes out to the Niagara Sport Commission and Cherry Hill Club for their assistance in helping make this event a reality.”

The Niagara Sport Commission, a non-profit regional development agency dedicated to using sport as a catalyst for economic and community development in the Niagara region, will serve as the event’s host organization.

“We are delighted to have the opportunity to host this event in Niagara, where we have so many outstanding golf courses,” said Niagara Sport Commission Chair Henry D’Angela. “Cherry Hill Club, which underwent a major golf renovation in 2009, will provide an outstanding venue for the Niagara Championship. With support from the Fort Erie Economic Development Corporation, we look forward to bringing a high-calibre event to the Town of Fort Erie and Niagara.”

Cherry Hill Club, a 7,027-yard, par-72 Walter J. Travis design, was opened in 1922 and has played host to several marquee events over the years, including the 1972 RBC Canadian Open, where legends such as Arnold Palmer, Johnny Miller and Tom Watson played, as well as the 1982 PGA of Canada Championship.

“Cherry Hill Club is elated to host the Niagara Championship, an official event on the Mackenzie Tour,” said James S. O’Connor, president of Cherry Hill Club. “When the Club was approached about hosting the event, recognizing the difficulties Fort McMurray had, and continues to have, we were honoured to be selected. Cherry Hill Club is a unique club with a long history in the Niagara Region and Western New York area. We are eager to share with the golfing community our special Club and exceptional golf course.”

About the Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada

The Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada is a series of tournaments played across Canada each summer, where tomorrow’s stars begin the path to the PGA TOUR. The leading five money winners at the end of each season earn status on the Web.com Tour for the following season. The Mackenzie Tour’s mission is to deliver a PGA TOUR experience for our members, fans, volunteers and our partners in order to develop the future stars of professional golf & enrich the communities we visit.

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