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CHAMPIONSHIP PRO-AM TEE TIMES SET FOR 2019 CP WOMEN'S OPEN

- News and notes from Magna Golf Club for Tuesday, August 20 -

AURORA, Ont. – With the opening-round of the \$2.25 million (US) CP Women's Open less than two days away, tournament week at Magna Golf Club continues to showcase the finest in women's professional golf.

Wednesday, August 21st is Championship Pro-Am Day. The event will see professional golfers take to the course to entertain a field of amateurs as part of the LPGA Tour's 'Nine and Nine' Pro-Am format, where amateur participants will play nine holes each with a pair of LPGA Tour professionals.

[Click here](#) for pairings and start times.

BROOKE HENDERSON FEELING GREAT HEADING INTO 2019 CP WOMEN'S OPEN TITLE DEFENSE

Defending champion Brooke Henderson told media Tuesday that she feels great heading into Thursday's opening round.

"It's amazing. I played nine holes yesterday and nine this morning and the course is in incredible condition. I think it's going to be a lot of fun for all of us girls to go out there and probably try to

make a lot birdies and shoot low scores,” said Henderson.

Henderson, who earlier this year defended her title at the LOTTE Championship in April and won the Meijer LPGA Classic for Simply Give in June (her ninth LPGA Tour title), is now, at 21, Canada’s winningest golfer on the LPGA or PGA Tour.

She looks to become the first person since Lydia Ko (2012-13) to win back-to-back CP Women’s Open titles. If she were to win this week, she would also become the first Canadian to win multiple CP Women’s Opens.

“To have won the CP Women’s Open last year is probably the highlight of my career so far,” said Henderson. “Just being with all the great fans from the nation and just having so much attention on me and then still being able to perform as well as I did and execute those shots under pressure was really exciting for me.”

Magna Golf Club, Henderson said, has been a pleasure to play. Mike McMahon, the head golf professional at the club, has walked around with Henderson both Tuesday and Monday and has provided her with some tips. She said ball striking will be key this week.

“The fairways are pretty generous and the greens are very large. I think if you can be really precise on approaches with your ball striking you’ll hit it to the right slopes, right quadrants on the green. That’ll be really important to give yourself a good look at birdie,” she said. “It’s in amazing shape. It’s going to be a lot of fun. I do think if the conditions stay as they are right now there will be some low scores. I think that will be fun for fans as well.”

Every year since 2016 Henderson has won twice on the LPGA Tour and has ascended as high as fifth on the Rolex Rankings this year. But still, the CP Women’s Open is a highlight on her calendar.

“To win the CP Women’s Open last year was incredible. Do I think I’m going to do it again this year? I’m going to give it all I have, my best shot,” she said. “Like I said, I’m going to give it my all, see what I can do, and hopefully post a solid round on Thursday and give the fans something to cheer about.”

Henderson is one of 15 Canadians to play in this year’s CP Women’s Open, including Lorie Kane of Charlottetown, PEI – making her record-setting 29th appearance.

12-YEAR-OLD MICHELLE LIU TO MAKE ANTICIPATED CP WOMEN’S OPEN DEBUT

Age is just a number, but this week at the CP Women’s Open, it’s an important one.

After finishing as top Canadian at last month’s Canadian Women’s Amateur Championship, Michelle Liu, of Vancouver, earned a spot in the CP Women’s Open.

At just 12 years old, she is the youngest person to ever tee it up in Canada’s national open.

“I feel like I’m getting pretty famous,” said Liu. “I think it’s a new experience for me, so I would say that’s definitely pretty cool.”

Liu finished the Canadian Women’s Amateur, which took place this year at Red Deer Golf and Country Club, at 1-over par. She finished tied for 12th, one shot better than Team Canada National team member, Brigitte Thibault.

Liu said her big goal this week was to just play well and enjoy herself.

“I definitely do hope for a lot. I know there are a lot of great players here in the field. I think it was 96 out of the top 100 players, so I definitely say (making the cut is) going to be pretty hard,” she said. “I hope for a lot and I expect a little bit less.”

Liu, who is entering grade eight, said she also plays volleyball and basketball when she’s not golfing. Art is one of her hobbies – she has a web comic with a few friends – and she started a foundation called the Hope for Girls Foundation to pay for school supplies for girls in the Northern part of the Guangzhou province in China.

But while she’s fairly busy off the golf course, this week is about what’s happening on the golf course for Liu, who has already teed it up with some LPGA Tour winners including Christina Kim, and practiced alongside her idol, fellow Canadian Brooke Henderson.

“I’m looking forward to being able to play with even more great players, especially in like the environment of a professional golf tournament,” said Liu. “I think it’s definitely going to be a challenge for me and my mental game to be able to focus and like keep my mind on each and every shot.”

PAIRING AND START TIMES – ROUNDS 1&2

Pairings for the first and second rounds of the 2019 CP Women’s Open are available [here](#).

INTERVIEW TRANSCRIPTS, AUDIO FILES AND VIDEO

Interview transcripts, audio MP3 files, as well as downloadable royalty-free images and broadcast quality videos for all media interviews and scrums are available online [here](#).

MEDIA GUIDE & PLAYER PERFORMANCE

Download the 2019 CP Women’s Open Media Guide by clicking [here](#) and the Player Performance Guide by clicking [here](#).

MEDIA CENTRE INTERVIEW TIMES

The following interviews will take place in the media centre onsite at Magna Golf Club. All times are subject to change.

Wednesday, Aug. 21

10:30 a.m. – Alena Sharp

11:00 a.m. – Golf Canada CEO Laurence Applebaum and LPGA Commissioner Mike Whan

11:30 a.m. – Anne-Catherine Tanguay

12:00 p.m. – Suzann Pettersen

CANADIANS IN THE FIELD

The following 15 Canadians are set to compete in the 2019 CP Women’s Open:

Céleste Dao *

Brooke Henderson

Lorie Kane

Maude-Aimee Leblanc

Michelle Liu *

Brittany Marchand

Megan Osland

Mary Parsons *

Alena Sharp

Maddie Szeryk
Anne-Catherine Tanguay
Valérie Tanguay
Brigitte Thibault *
Casey Ward
Emily Zhu *

* denotes amateur

A full field list of players confirmed to compete in the 2019 CP Women's Open is available by clicking [here](#).

CP HAS HEART IN SUPPORT OF SICKKIDS FOUNDATION

Canadian Pacific will continue its history of making a substantial donation to the host community through its CP Has Heart community investment program. In the five years of CP's title sponsorship of the CP Women's Open, \$8.5 million has been raised to support children's heart health in communities across Canada. This year, the campaign will benefit SickKids Foundation, the primary charity partner for the 2019 Canadian Pacific Women's Open, as well as Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, Ont. For more information on CP Has Heart, visit www.cphasheart.com.

CP WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP SUMMIT A SUCCESS

Canada and Canadian Pacific were proud to conduct the second annual CP Women's Leadership Summit on Tuesday, August 20 at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North in Richmond Hill, Ont., as part of the weeklong excitement of the 2019 CP Women's Open.

The CP Women's Leadership Summit brought together like-minded businesswomen from across the country for a day of networking, empowerment and philanthropy. The Summit also raised awareness for the CP Women's Open, with attendees receiving access to the tournament during the week.

The keynote speaker Roberta Bowman, Chief Brand & Communications Officer of the LPGA, and was joined by LPGA Tour Professional Mariah Stackhouse for an athlete Q&A.

Attendees heard from business leaders Maeghan Albiston, Assistant Vice-President of Investor Relations & Pensions at CP, Anne Simard, Chief Mission & Research Officer of the Heart and Stroke Foundation and Jennifer Tory, Chief Administrative Officer of RBC.

A new addition to the leadership summit in 2019 was the athlete panel, which featured four accomplished Canadian Olympians – speed-skater Anastasia Bucsis, soccer goalkeeper Karina Leblanc, multi-sport star Georgia Simmerling and two-time ice hockey gold medalist Natalie Spooner.

Rogers Sportsnet Central Co-Anchor Evanka Osmak was the emcee and panel moderator for the event.

For more information about the CP Women's Leadership Summit, please visit www.cpwomensopen.com/wls.

BIRDIES FOR HEART

You can help fundraise for an upgraded Cardiac Operating Suite at SickKids by pledging a donation amount or per birdie for 2019 CP Women's Open tournament play. Whenever a LPGA

Tour player sinks a birdie on the 17th hole, your chosen dollar amount is donated to SickKids Foundation. For all donations made through Birdies For Heart, spectator support will be matched by CP. To participate, please [click here](#).

TELEVISION COVERAGE...

Thursday, August 22 – Golf Channel/TSN/RDS – 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Friday, August 23 – Golf Channel/TSN/RDS – 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 24 – Golf Channel/TSN/RDS – 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 25 – Golf Channel/TSN/RDS – 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

* All times local.

2019 CP WOMEN'S OPEN TICKETS

One of Canada's premier annual sporting events, the CP Women's Open features miles of front row seating for golf fans to experience Canada's lone stop on the LPGA Tour and cheer on Canadian sensation and CP Ambassador Brooke Henderson as she defends her national title on home soil.

General admission tickets, starting at just \$30 for early week access, provide access to the grounds to get an up-close look at the stars of the LPGA Tour. Tournament rounds for Thursday, Friday and Saturday are just \$65; a Sunday final-round ticket is \$80; and a weeklong, fully transferable badge is \$150.

A specially priced youth ticket (13-17 years old) is also available while juniors aged 12-and-under gain FREE grounds admission all week long.

In addition to general admission tickets, a limited number of upgraded spectator viewing experiences are still available. A full list of ticket packages and pricing is available online at www.cpwomensopen.com/tickets.

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ABOUT THE 2019 CP WOMEN'S OPEN

The stars of the LPGA Tour will challenge for the CP Women's Open from August 19-25, 2019 at Magna Golf Club in Aurora, Ont. The CP Women's Open is proud to name the SickKids Foundation as the official tournament charity for 2019. Funds raised will be dedicated to pediatric cardiology space as well as specialized equipment and are being matched by CP through its CP Has Heart community program. The CP Women's Open, Canada's Women's Open Golf Championship, is proudly sponsored by CP, Audi, RBC, Steam Whistle, Levelwear, Golf Town, Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites, Coca-Cola, the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario. For information on volunteer opportunities, tickets or corporate hospitality, visit www.cpwomensopen.com, or call 1-866-571-5742.

ABOUT CANADIAN PACIFIC

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ABOUT GOLF CANADA

Golf Canada is the National Sports Federation and governing body for golf in Canada

representing 319,000 golfers and 1,400 member clubs across the country. A proud member of the Canadian Olympic Committee, Golf Canada's mission is to increase Canadian participation and excellence in golf. By investing in the growth of the sport and introducing more participants of all ages to the game, our vision is to be a world leader in golf. For more information about what Golf Canada is doing to support golf in your community, visit www.golfcanada.ca.

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