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DEFENDING CHAMPION BROOKE HENDERSON LEADS STAR-STUDED FIELD OF EARLY COMMITMENTS TO 2019 CP WOMEN'S OPEN

CP Has Heart charity campaign to benefit SickKids Foundation in support of pediatric cardiac care

Second annual CP Women's Leadership Summit to kick off tournament week

AURORA, Ont. – Golf Canada, in partnership with title sponsor Canadian Pacific (CP), has announced that many of the world's top players have committed to compete in the 2019 CP Women's Open from August 19-25 at Magna Golf Club in Aurora, Ont.

Leading the charge is defending champion and world no. 6 Brooke Henderson of Smith's Falls, Ont. who made history at Wascana Country Club in Regina last year becoming the first Canadian since Jocelyne Bourassa 45 years earlier to win Canada's National Women's Open. Henderson, currently 5th on the 2019 LPGA Money List has won two LPGA Tour events in 2019 and her nine career LPGA Tour wins are the most for any Canadian professional golfer on the LPGA or PGA TOUR.

The early player commitments to challenge for the \$2.25 million USD purse—one of the largest prizes on the LPGA Tour—will include golf's brightest stars along with rising talents in Canadian golf. Among the early player commitments are 16 of the top 20 players from the 2019 LPGA Official Money list along with seven past CP Women's Open champions.

“Brooke winning the 2018 CP Women’s Open in historic fashion was an incredible moment for Canadian golf and there is a tremendous momentum leading into Magna Golf Club as we bring Canada’s National Women’s Open back to the Greater Toronto Area for the first time in nearly 20 years,” said CP Women’s Open Tournament Director Ryan Paul. “Our early player commitments are trending towards welcoming one of the strongest fields on the LPGA Tour that will deliver a spectacular world-class event.”

Early Player Commitments:

Henderson is one of seven past CP Women’s Open champions confirmed for Magna including Sung Hyun Park (2017), Ariya Jutanugarn (2016), So Yeon Ryu (2014), Katherine Kirk (2008), Cristie Kerr (2006) and three-time winner Lydia Ko (2015, 2013, 2012) who will be chasing a record fourth CP Women’s Open title.

Henderson, currently ranked no. 5 on the LPGA Tour Money List, will be among 16 of the current top-20 players on the 2019 LPGA Money List confirmed for Magna including Jeongeun Lee6 (1), Jin Young Ko (2), Lexi Thompson (3), Sung Hyun Park (4) Minjee Lee (6), Nelly Korda (7), Hannah Green (8), Danielle Kang (9), So Yeon Ryu (10), Sei Young Kim (11), Eun Hee Ji (12), Nasa Hataoka (13), Angel Yin (15), Amy Yang (17) and Azahara Munoz (19).

Golf Canada has also extended a tournament exemption to former Canadian Women’s Amateur champion (2017) Jennifer Kupcho of Westminster, Colo., who earlier this year won the inaugural Augusta National Women’s Amateur. The former Wake Forest University standout was the top-ranked amateur in the world prior to turning professional earlier this summer. An exemption into the CP Women’s Open (as well as the Canadian Women’s Amateur Championship where applicable) will be extended annually to the winner of the Augusta National Women’s Amateur.

Canadians in the Mix:

Henderson also headlines the early list of Canadians set to compete at Magna Golf Club. She will be joined by Canadian Golf Hall of Fame honoured member and fellow CP ambassador Lorie Kane, a four-time winner on the LPGA Tour. Kane will be competing in Canada’s National Women’s Open Championship for a record 29th consecutive time. Other Canadians include LPGA Tour members Alena Sharp of Hamilton, Ont., Brittany Marchand of Orangeville, Ont., Jaclyn Lee of Calgary and Anne-Catherine Tanguay of Quebec City. The six Canucks will be joined by several more Canadian professional and amateur golfers to be confirmed in the coming weeks.

The 156 golfers teeing-it-up at Magna Golf Club will represent one of the strongest fields on the LPGA Tour with more than 90 of the top 100 players on the LPGA Tour Official Money List expected to compete.

The 2019 CP Women’s Open will mark only the second time since 2001 (won by golf legend Annika Sorenstam at Angus Glen Golf Club in Markham) that Canada’s National Women’s Open has been contested in the Greater Toronto Area.

CP Has Heart Charity Campaign to Benefit the SickKids Foundation:

Canadian Pacific and Golf Canada are proud to support SickKids Foundation in Toronto as the primary charity partner for the 2019 Canadian Pacific Women’s Open. Funds raised through the CP Women’s Open will go towards renovating a Cardiac Operating Suite at SickKids. In addition, CP is also proud to support the tournament host community in 2019 with a donation of \$250,000 to Southlake Regional Health Centre in Newmarket, Ont. to support paediatric cardiac care. 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 Canada.

CP Women's Leadership Summit to Kick off Tournament Week:

Golf Canada and Canadian Pacific will host 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 will bring together like-minded businesswomen from across the country for a day of networking, empowerment and philanthropy. The Summit will also raise awareness for the CP Women's Open, with attendees receiving access to the tournament during the week.

The business panel of the summit will consist of three businesswomen at the top of their respective fields. 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 will all be part of the panel. A new addition to the leadership summit in 2019 is the athlete panel which will feature 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. Roberta Bowman, Chief Brand & Communications Officer of the LPGA, will join the CP Women's Leadership Summit as the keynote speaker while Rogers Sportsnet Central Co-Anchor Evanka Osmak will act as the emcee and moderator for the event.

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

KIDS 12-AND-UNDER GET IN FREE...

Golf Canada and CP are committed to offering a fan friendly, family event with the CP Women's Open. To introduce more juniors to the sport, children aged 12-and-under get FREE admission to the CP Women's Open for the entire week.

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 paediatric 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 National Women's Open Golf Championship, is proudly sponsored by CP, Audi, RBC, Steam Whistle, Levelwear, Golf Town, Sheraton Hotels & Resorts, 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.

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