

P&G Beauty NW Arkansas Championship Presented by John Q. Hammons

The LPGA NW Arkansas Championship has a new face this year! Proctor & Gamble has now become the title sponsor of the LPGA Tour event held here at Pinnacle Country Club in Rogers, AR. The newly renamed P&G Beauty NW Arkansas Championship hopes to be one of the premier stops for the Tour this year and in the future.

As most of you know, last year's inaugural event faced many challenges, most importantly Mother Nature. The rains came and did not let up for the better part of three days. While a little disappointing, the event was still a success and would not have been possible without all the help we received from the volunteers. These turfgrass professionals came prepared to do whatever was asked of them with a smile. Unfortunately, instead of mowing twenty-five acres of fairways throughout the entire week, they ended up squeegeeing the same twenty-five acres by the end along with throwing several tons of sand back onto the faces of our bunkers. With that being said, we would like to take the opportunity to recognize these individuals by name for sacrificing time spent away from their own workplaces to help our efforts and make our event the success that it was. These people include:

- 1 John Streachek (Shadow Valley Country Club)
- 2 Brandon Nichols (Fayetteville Country Club)
- 3 Lee McBurnett (Stonebridge Meadows)
- 4 Jonathan Durham (Stonebridge Meadows)
- 5 Jason Cuddy (Springdale Country Club)
- 6 Aaron Cantrell (John Deere Irrigation)
- 7 Charles McCurdy (Lost Springs Golf Club)
- 8 Dr. Aaron Patton (University of Arkansas)
- 9 David Munsey (Blessings Golf Club)
- 10 Bill Tippit (P&K Equipment)

Students from the University of Arkansas Turfgrass Program also were a big help to us. They include:

- 1 Ernest Mitchell
- 2 Matt Bottoms
- 3 Scott Wasser
- 4 Jon Trappe
- 5 Jay Richards
- 6 Michael Moyer

A special thanks to Bill Tippit of P&K Equipment for lending us two John Deere fairway mowers (that were barely used) for the week and to Rick Murray of Estes, Inc. chemical company for cooking lunch for the entire golf course maintenance staff and its volunteers on Friday of the tournament week.

Not only do we have a new title sponsor for 2008 we also have a larger \$1.7 million dollar purse that is up for grabs this year. The June 30- July 6, 2008 event will feature an Independence Day celebration that will include a musical concert and fireworks display. As we mentioned earlier, our volunteers last year were a tremendous help to us. In order for this year's event to be a greater success, we are welcoming anyone who would like the opportunity to volunteer for the 2008 P&G Beauty NW Arkansas Championship. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, you can email us at ttowery@pinnaclecc.com or you can reach us by phone at 479-418-7450. For more information about the P&G Beauty NW Arkansas Championship, you can also check out the website at www.lpganwac.com. Once again, from Todd Towery and Chase Turpin, we sincerely thank you all for all of your help this past year and wish you the very best for 2008.

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