



MUSKET RIDGE SELECTED TO HOST NEW LPGA FUTURES TOUR EVENT

Inaugural "Challenge at Musket Ridge" is state's only LPGA event

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MYERSVILLE, MD - November 2, 2011 - Musket Ridge Golf Club is proud to be the host venue of a new tournament for the LPGA Futures Tour called the Challenge at Musket Ridge. The event will be held August 20-26, 2012. Musket Ridge and the LPGA Futures Tour are partnering with the Frederick County Commission for Women (FCCW) to run the event.

On November 1, the Challenge at Musket Ridge was announced at a launch party at the Delaplaine in Frederick, MD. LPGA Futures Tour CEO Zayra Calderon, Tour player and Maryland native Marlowe Boukis, Maryland State Delegate Kelly Schulz, President of Hood College Ronald Volpe, PhD and Board of Alderman members Michael O'Connor and Kelly Russell were among the dignitaries in attendance.

Damon DeVito, managing director of Affinity Management (www.affinitymanagement.com), which runs Musket Ridge, said, "In these times we need more economic activity, more charity and more fun. This event will bring all three to this area including over \$350k in economic impact. Musket Ridge is honored to have been selected by the LPGA Futures Tour to host this event."

"We are proud to bring the state's only women's professional golf tournament to Musket Ridge Golf Club," said Vivian Laxton, President of the FCCW. "The Challenge at Musket Ridge will showcase the future stars of the LPGA while raising funds for programs in Frederick County that support women and children."

"We are excited to add Maryland to our official 2012 tour schedule" said the Tour's CEO, Zayra F. Calderon. "This area has a strong following of golf fans and we're certain they will enjoy watching the next generation of LPGA stars compete in their backyard."

Musket Ridge has been one of Golfweek's top ten courses in Maryland for the past 6 years and was recently named the #2 Public Course Within an Hour of Congressional CC by Golf Digest. Catocin Hall at Musket Ridge has been called "Maryland's Best New Event Venue" and is the only zero food waste facility on the East Coast. For more information about Musket Ridge Golf Club, please visit www.musketridge.com or call 301-293-9930.

In its 31st competitive season in 2011, the LPGA Futures Tour (www.lpgafuturestour.com) is the world's largest international women's developmental tour. As the "Road to the LPGA," the Tour has remained committed to developing LPGA stars of tomorrow and creating viable role models for youth. The top 10 money winners each season earn automatic membership on the LPGA Tour. With more than 300 alumnae as current members of the LPGA, former LPGA Futures Tour players have won a total of 359 LPGA titles, including 38 major championships. LPGA Futures Tour events have contributed nearly \$5 million to charitable organizations throughout the nation since 1989.

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