

MUSKET RIDGE TO HOST UP-AND-COMING STARS

Musket Ridge Golf Club will be the site of a new tournament for the LPGA Symetra Futures Tour – 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 to run the event.

Musket Ridge has been one of *Golfweek's* Top 10 courses in Maryland for the past 10 years and was named the No. 2 Public Course Within an Hour of Congressional CC by *Golf Digest*. The club was recognized by the National Golf Course Owners Association for its innovative zero food waste policy, the first of its kind in the United States, for which it received the "Idea of the Year" award from the NGCOA.

The Challenge at Musket Ridge was announced at a launch party at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center in nearby Frederick. LPGA Futures Tour CEO Zayra Calderon, Tour player and Maryland native Marlowe Boukis, and Maryland State Delegate Kelly Schulz were among the dignitaries in attendance.

Damon DeVito, managing director of Affinity Management (www.affinitymanagement.com), which operates Musket Ridge, says, "In these times we need more economic activity, more charity and more fun. This event will bring all three to this area, including over \$350,000 in economic impact. Musket Ridge is honored to have been selected to host this event, and we aim to make it the favorite stop of Tour players."

"We are proud to bring the state's only women's professional golf tournament to Musket Ridge Golf Club," says Vivian Laxton, president of the FCCW. "The Challenge at Musket Ridge will showcase the future stars of the LPGA while raising funds for area non-profit programs to support women and children."

The LPGA's Symetra 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 Volvik Race for the Card enables the top 10 money winners each season to earn membership on the LPGA Tour. With more than 300 alumnae as current members



MARCELA LEON, SYMETRA TOUR MEMBER Photograph courtesy of Scott Miller

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of the LPGA, Symetra Tour alumnae have won over 350 LPGA titles, including 38 major championships. Symetra Tour events have contributed nearly \$5 million to charitable organizations since 1989.

"We are excited to add Maryland to our Tour schedule" says 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."