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## **CANADA'S TAYLOR, WONG AND HILL ADDED TO FIELD FOR 2010 RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

- Team Canada's Nick Taylor and Eugene Wong, as well as former member, Matt Hill, receive exemptions into Canada's National Open Championship -

**OAKVILLE, Ont., (Golf Canada)** – Golf Canada, in partnership with RBC, announced today that Team Canada's Nick Taylor of Abbotsford, B.C. and Eugene Wong of North Vancouver, B.C., as well as former Team Canada member, Matt Hill of Bright's Grove, Ont., who recently turned professional, have received exemptions into the 2010 RBC Canadian Open taking place July 19-25 at St. George's Golf and Country Club in Toronto.

The exemptions were announced at a Team Canada media event Friday at Rattlesnake Point Golf Club in Milton, Ont.

The trio will join Team Canada's Cam Burke of New Hamburg, Ont. who earned his RBC Canadian Open exemption after winning the 2009 Canadian Men's Amateur Championship title. Burke's Canadian Men's Amateur victory was his second in as many years at the prestigious championship.

"These talented players have showcased their pedigree and are very deserving of these exemptions," said Golf Canada Executive Director and CEO, Scott Simmons. "They are among the best young golfers in the world and we are certain to see exciting play from them as they compete with the PGA TOUR's biggest and best names at St. George's in July."

Currently the number-two ranked player on the Royal and Ancient (R&A) World Amateur Golf Ranking and recent winner of the prestigious Ben Hogan Award, Nick Taylor returns to the RBC Canadian Open for a third straight year looking to build upon his already successful amateur golf resume.

The 22-year old who recently graduated from the University of Washington (UofW) broke many of his school's golf records, including most victories (4) and becoming the first UofW Husky to win Pac-10 Player of the Year honours twice. Taylor amassed nine top-10 finishes in just 13 college tournaments this year and recorded 17 career National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) top-10 finishes.

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Taylor's best finish at the RBC Canadian Open was in 2008 where he finished T53rd. He will have a busy summer golf schedule which includes the United States Golf Association's (USGA) U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship, the PGA TOUR's Travelers Championship; the Canadian Men's Amateur Championship and the USGA's U.S. Amateur, which takes place August 23-29 at Chambers Bay Golf Course in University Place, WA. He'll then consider a career in professional golf.

Wong, 19, is a past Canadian Juvenile Boy's champion and was recently named the 2010 Jack Nicklaus Award recipient as the Golf Coaches Association of America Collegiate NCAA Division I Player of the Year. During this past collegiate season as a sophomore, he captured medalist honours twice (the USC Collegiate Invitational and the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Intercollegiate), recorded a pair of runner-up finishes and placed third twice. He had an additional three top-10 showings and only placed out of the top-20 twice.

Most recently, he tied for ninth individually at the NCAA Championships and helped his University of Oregon team advance to the match play semi-final by defeating Nick Taylor in a thrilling quarter-final match. Wong currently ranks 17<sup>th</sup> on the R&A's World Amateur Golf Ranking.

Hill, who made his professional golf debut June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Memorial Tournament, makes his second appearance at the RBC Canadian Open, golf's third-oldest national Open championship. Among his many achievements, Hill is a past Canadian Juvenile Boy's champion and the 2009 NCAA Division I Individual Champion. He was a member of Golf Canada's Team Canada program for five years - three with its Development Squad (2006-2008) and two with the National Squad (2009-2010).

Golf Canada will announce Team Canada Women's National Squad exemptions into the 2010 CN Canadian Women's Open in early August, following the Royale Cup Canadian Women's Amateur Championship.

Taylor, Wong, Burke and Hill join PGA TOUR stars Mike Weir, Stephen Ames, Fred Couples, Rickie Fowler, Hunter Mahan, Anthony Kim, Sean O'Hair, Paul Casey, Retief Goosen, Tim Clark, Camilo Villegas and defending champion Nathan Green, among many others, who have already confirmed they will compete at the 2010 RBC Canadian Open in Toronto.

For update ticket and other spectator information, please visit [www.rbccanadianopen.com](http://www.rbccanadianopen.com) or call 1-800-571-OPEN.



### **ABOUT THE 2010 RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

An exciting new era has arrived for Canada's national championship. Part of the FedEx Cup, stars of the PGA TOUR will compete for \$5.1 million (US) at the RBC Canadian Open, July 19th, 2010 at St. George's Golf and Country Club in Toronto. Established in 1904, the tournament is the third-oldest national open golf championship worldwide next to the British Open and the U.S. Open. The RBC Canadian Open is proudly sponsored by RBC, Bell, BMW Group Canada, Province of Ontario, TaylorMade adidas Golf, InterContinental Hotels Group, Southern Implants, C.F.F Stainless Steels, Transitions Optical, The Glenlivet, The Globe and Mail, Mike Weir Wine, Pepsi, Corona and Reader's Digest. For updated corporate hospitality, tickets, volunteer and sponsorship information please visit [www.rbccanadianopen.com](http://www.rbccanadianopen.com) or call 1-800-571-OPEN.

### **RBC AND THE RBC CANADIAN OPEN**

In partnership with Golf Canada, RBC is the title sponsor of the RBC Canadian Open, the third oldest national golf championship worldwide, next only to the British Open and the U.S. Open. With a history of great players and premier fields, the RBC Canadian Open provides golf fans with the opportunity to experience the excitement of a world class event on Canadian soil. RBC also sponsors all levels of amateur sport, from grassroots programs in local communities to national sport organizations and elite-level athletes, and is Premier National Partner of the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

### **ABOUT GOLF CANADA'S NATIONAL TEAM PROGRAM**

The Golf Canada National Team Program incorporates advanced coaching, sport science expertise, training camps and world-class competition. Golf Canada allocates over \$1 million of its resources annually to the National Team program, encompassing strength and conditioning, sports psychology, nutrition, biomechanics and technique development. Players who are selected to the National Amateur and National Developmental Teams represent Canada at six to 10 internationally-sanctioned golf competitions throughout the year. The intent of this comprehensive program is to aid Canada's top up-and-coming amateur players in all areas of their development, helping Canada produce the best golfers in the world.

Team Canada, the pinnacle of Golf Canada's High Performance Program, provides access to world class resources including coaching, nutrition, sport science, mental management, equipment, elite competitive opportunities and builds on the support that team members have received in their development years from their family, member clubs, personal coaches, university programs and provincial golf associations.



Golf Canada's High Performance Program and Team Canada are proudly sponsored by RBC Dominion Securities, Titleist, Foot-Joy, Under Armour, and ClubLink.

For more information about Team Canada or to make a donation towards the development of Canada's future golf stars, please visit [www.rcga.org/teamcanada](http://www.rcga.org/teamcanada).

### **GOLF CANADA – YOU BELONG**

Golf Canada is a member-based organization governed by the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA). Recognized by Sport Canada as the National Sport Organization (NSO) for golf in this country and representing more than 350,000 members and 1,600 golf clubs, Golf Canada is responsible for promoting participation in and a passion for the game of golf in Canada.

Golf Canada actively conducts championships, programs and services to help shape the present and future of golf in Canada. Canada's National Amateur Golf Team program, National Golf in Schools, Golf Fore the Cure, the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame and Museum and CN Future Links, Canada's national junior golf program, are only some of the initiatives the association leads for golf in Canada. As the authority for the game of golf in Canada, the association also administers the Rules of Golf and Amateur Status as well as Handicapping and Course Rating under the esteemed RCGA brand.

In addition, Golf Canada conducts Canada's most prestigious golf championships. The RBC Canadian Open and CN Canadian Women's Open attract the best professional golfers in the world, while regional junior and national amateur championships provide world class competitive opportunities for Canada's top golfers to showcase their talents.

For more information about what Golf Canada is doing to support golf in your community, visit us online at [www.golfcanada.ca](http://www.golfcanada.ca).

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