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WORLD NO. 1 LUKE DONALD HEADLINES LIST OF NOTABLES CONFIRMING THEIR INTENTION TO COMPETE AT 2011 RBC CANADIAN OPEN

PGA TOUR stars Jim Furyk, Ernie Els, Matt Kuchar, Paul Casey, Rickie Fowler, Hunter Mahan, Tim Clark, Retief Goosen, Sean O’Hair and Anthony Kim to challenge Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club

RBC Canadian Open online auction running in support of national charity partner, The Mike Weir Foundation

Vancouver (Golf Canada) – Golf Canada, in partnership with title sponsor RBC, announced today a contingent of emerging superstars and PGA TOUR notables that have confirmed their intention to compete at the 2011 RBC Canadian Open, July 18-24 at the renowned Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club in Vancouver.

Among the rising stars set to challenge for Canada’s National Open championship include World No. 1-ranked Luke Donald, rising star Rickie Fowler, World No. 7-ranked Matt Kuchar and World No. 12-ranked Paul Casey as well as 3-time PGA TOUR winners Anthony Kim, Sean O’Hair, Ben Crane, Lucas Glover and Hunter Mahan.

Also confirmed for Shaughnessy are 2011 Masters champion Charl Schwartzel, 2010 British Open champion Louis Oosthuizen and defending RBC Canadian Open champion Carl Pettersson.

In addition, the field for the 102nd playing of Canada’s National Open Championship will welcome several proven PGA TOUR veterans including 16-time PGA TOUR winner and 2-time Canadian Open champion Jim Furyk; 18-time PGA TOUR winner and World Golf Hall of Fame member Ernie Els; 7-time PGA TOUR winner Retief Goosen; and Justin Leonard, a 12-time PGA TOUR winner. Other confirmed notables include Tim Clark, Charlie Hoffman, Ryan Moore, Ricky Barnes and Brandt Snedeker.

“We’re a month out from this year’s event and very pleased to welcome this tremendous mix of emerging talent and notable PGA TOUR veterans to the 2011 RBC Canadian Open,” said Bill Paul, Tournament Director of the RBC Canadian Open. “With a terrific venue in Shaughnessy and a partner in RBC focused on results and delivering a world class championship, there is no doubt that Vancouver golf fans will be treated to a tremendous golf showcase this July.”

“Since 2008, we’ve worked incredibly hard with Golf Canada to build a world class tournament for PGA TOUR pros and young superstars as well as create an event that will entertain and engage people of all ages,” said Jim Little, RBC Chief Brand and Communications Officer. “Knowing that Canadian golf fans want to see a strong, competitive group of players contend for the Championship title, we believe this year’s line-up will not disappoint and the 2011 RBC Canadian Open promises to be the best yet.”

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IN-YEAR WINNERS:

This year's RBC Canadian Open will feature 13 of this season's PGA TOUR event winners to date, including Jonathan Byrd (Hyundai Tournament of Champions), Jhonattan Vegas (Bob Hope Classic), D.A. Points (AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am), Luke Donald (World Golf Championship – Accenture Match Play Championship), Michael Bradley (Puerto Rico Open), Gary Woodland (Transitions Championship), Martin Laird (Arnold Palmer Invitational), Charl Schwartzel (The Masters), Brendan Steele (Valero Texas Open), Brandt Snedeker (The Heritage), Lucas Glover (Wells Fargo Championship), Keegan Bradley (HP Byron Nelson Championship) and Harrison Frazar (FedEx St. Jude Classic).

OFFICIAL WORLD GOLF RANKINGS:

The field for the 102nd playing of Canada's National Open Championship will feature three of the top 10 and 19 of the top 50 players on the official World Golf Ranking led by World No. 1 ranked Luke Donald. Also confirmed are Matt Kuchar (#7), Charl Schwartzel (#10), Paul Casey (#12), Jim Furyk (#19), Hunter Mahan (#20), Ernie Els (#23), Martin Laird (#25), Retief Goosen (#26), Louis Oosthuizen (#31), Tim Clark (#32), Gary Woodland (#39), Bo Van Pelt (#42), Brandt Snedeker (#43), Jonathan Byrd (#44), Ryan Moore (#46), Ben Crane (#47), Ryan Palmer (#49), and Rickie Fowler (#50).

FEDEX CUP POINTS CHASE:

To date, 17 of the current top 30 on the FedEx Cup ranking have confirmed their intention to compete at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club including Luke Donald (#1), Matt Kuchar (#4), Gary Woodland (#9), Jonathan Byrd (#11), Brandt Snedeker (#12), Martin Laird (#15), Webb Simpson (#16), Aaron Baddeley (#17), Hunter Mahan (#18), Charl Schwartzel (#19), Keegan Bradley (#22), Steve Marino (#23), Jhonattan Vegas (#24), D.A. Points (#25), Ryan Palmer (#26), Jason Dufner (#27), Spencer Levin (#28) and Brendan Steele (#31). Overall, the current field projections would include 31 of the top 50 players in the points chase.

PGA TOUR MONEY LIST:

Similarly, 17 of the top 30 and 29 of the top 50 players on the current PGA TOUR money list – including Luke Donald (#1), Matt Kuchar (#5), Gary Woodland (#11), Jonathan Byrd (#12), Brandt Snedeker (#13), Martin Laird (#14), Aaron Baddeley (#15), Webb Simpson (#17), Hunter Mahan (#18), Charl Schwartzel (#19), Keegan Bradley (#21), Steve Marino (#22), D.A. Points (#24), Jason Dufner (#25), Ryan Palmer (#26), Spencer Levin (#28) and Jhonattan Vegas (#29) – have confirmed their intention to compete in the 2011 RBC Canadian Open.

FORMER CANADIAN OPEN CHAMPIONS:

Defending champion Carl Pettersson tops a list of seven former Canadian Open champions including Nathan Green (2009), Chez Reavie (2008), Jim Furyk (2006 & 2007), John Rollins (2002), Scott Verplank (2001) and Billy Andrade (1998).



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The group announced today will join Canadian favourites Stephen Ames, Canadian Golf Hall of Famer Mike Weir, Graham DeLaet, Chris Baryla, Matt McQuillan and David Hearn. Other Canadians already exempt include defending Canadian Men's Amateur champion and Team Canada member Albin Choi, 2-time defending Canadian Men's Mid-Amateur Champion Dave Bunker and 2010 Canadian PGA champion Brian Hutton, as well as Team Canada member Eugene Wong of Vancouver who was granted an exemption earlier this week. The Canadian content for this year's event will be bolstered with the addition of several other Canadian amateurs and professionals who will earn exemptions and be announced leading up to the RBC Canadian Open.

While several PGA TOUR players have confirmed their intention to compete for Canada's National Open Championship, competitors have until Friday, July 15 at 5:00 pm ET to officially register for the 2011 RBC Canadian Open.

RBC CANADIAN OPEN ONLINE AUCTION

As part of the charitable commitment of the 2011 RBC Canadian Open, golf fans from coast to coast can take part in an online auction with a chance to bid on exclusive VIP golf experiences and other memorabilia.

The online auction at www.rbccanadianopen.com/auction, runs from June 7 to July 24, 2011 and offers five different bidding lots. Premium items available for auction include VIP trips to the most coveted professional golf events such as the Ryder Cup, PGA Championship and Grand Slam of Golf as well as the World Junior Hockey Championship and Toronto International Film Festival. There are also several unique pieces of autographed memorabilia up for auction.

All proceeds from the online charity auction will go directly to The Mike Weir Foundation, the National Charity Partner of the RBC Canadian Open.

Opening auction bids will be listed with each item — some items starting as low as \$20 — to ensure that all golf fans are able to participate. One of the key commitments made by RBC and Golf Canada is for the RBC Canadian Open to generate \$5 million over five years in support of children's wellness in Canada. Since 2008, the RBC Canadian Open has contributed over \$3 million dollars to various charities and community programs.

ABOUT THE 2011 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 \$5.2 million (US) at the RBC Canadian Open, July 18-24, 2011 at Shaughnessy Golf and Country Club in Vancouver. 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, C.F.F Stainless Steels, Corona Extra, TaylorMade adidas Golf, The Glenlivet, The Globe and Mail, Mike Weir Wine, LG, WagJag.com and Reader's Digest. For updated corporate hospitality, tickets, volunteer and sponsorship information please visit www.rbccanadianopen.com or call 1-800-571-6736.

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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.

GOLF CANADA – LOVE THE GAME. GROW THE GAME.

Golf Canada – a member-based organization governed by the Royal Canadian Golf Association (RCGA) – is the governing body of golf in Canada, representing close to 350,000 members at almost 1,500 clubs across the country. Recognized by Sport Canada as the National Sports Organization (NSO) for golf in this country, Golf Canada is responsible for promoting participation in and a passion for the game of golf in Canada.

A proud member of the Canadian Olympic Committee, Golf Canada actively conducts championships, programs and services to help shape the present and future of golf in Canada. High performance athlete development, 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 golf in Canada, the association also administers the Rules of Golf, amateur status and handicapping and course rating under the respected 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.

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