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MARK CHRISTOPHER CHARITY CLASSIC ANNOUNCES STAFF CHANGES FOR 2006

RANCHO CUCAMONGA – Longtime Mark Christopher Charity Classic Tournament Director Stephen Wagner was named Executive Director of the Nationwide Tour event, it was announced by tournament Chairman of the Board Ray Crebs.

In addition, Cathy Allan, a longtime member of the Tournament's Board of Directors, becomes the new Tournament Director. Renee Wagner, will remain as Tournament Coordinator.

“Stephen and Renee’s leadership, passion and vision have elevated this event to one of the top tournaments on the Nationwide Tour,” Crebs said. “We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship with both of them in the years to come.”

Crebs said the promotions were made in light of the event’s higher profile and the greater demands that come from that profile. The Mark Christopher Charity Classic has increased its sponsorships and charitable donations every year since moving to Empire Lakes Golf Course in 2000.

With the new title, Wagner will add long-range planning duties to a menu that still includes overall operation and management of the Inland Empire’s highest-profile professional sporting event and largest professional golf tournament.

Formerly the Vice President of Commercial Lending at Citizens Business Bank, Allan brings a wealth of local knowledge and sales experience to her new role. As a volunteer, she was in charge of the widely successful Corporate Skybox and Hospitality areas at the Tournament venue the last two years.

In her new role, Allan will assume much of Wagner’s day-to-day duties.

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The Mark Christopher Charity Classic is a 72-hole Nationwide Tour event that sports a \$500,000 purse, a \$25,000 increase from 2005. For the fourth straight year, the tournament will be televised by The Golf Channel.

Tickets and sponsorships to the 2006 Mark Christopher Charity Classic, which is Oct 2-8 at Empire Lakes Golf Club, are available by calling (909) 948-5565 or by E-mail at mccclassic@aol.com.

About Mark Christopher Auto Center

In 2004, the Mark Christopher Auto Center was the No. 1 Hummer dealer in the nation and the No. 4 Chevrolet dealer in California as ranked by sales. The Center has won the Jack Smith Leadership Award for four straight years, emblematic of superior Parts and Service performance among Chevrolet dealers.

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About Empire Lakes Golf Club

Set among the surrounding San Gabriel Mountains in Rancho Cucamonga, with vineyards and lakes framing several holes, the Arnold Palmer-designed Empire Lakes Golf Club opened in 1996 and nearly immediately, vaulted to elite status among Inland Empire public courses. The 18-hole championship course is owned and operated by Oak Creek Golf Ranch Golf Club Inc., which purchased the club from General Dynamics Properties in February 2004.

In 2000, Empire Lakes became the host course to what is now the Mark Christopher Charity Classic. In 2004, the tournament boasted two holes (No. 6 and 12) rank among the most difficult 20 holes on the Nationwide Tour.

For more information on Empire Lakes, please see www.empirelakes.com.

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