



Reno-Tahoe Open

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SPONSOR'S UNRESTRICTED EXEMPTION EXTENDED TO JASON DAY TO PLAY RENO-TAHOE OPEN *Aug. 21-27, 2006 at Montr eux Golf & Country Club in Reno, Nev.*

RENO, Nev. (July 24, 2006) – The Reno-Tahoe Open, scheduled for Aug. 21-27, 2006 at Montr eux Golf & Country Club in Reno, Nev., has extended one of its unrestricted sponsor exemptions to Jason Day, an 18-year-old Queenslander and a Australian, New Zealand and World Junior Champion title holder, who has entered the professional ranks as recently as this week with his play at the John Deere Classic, July 13-16, 2006, and his withdrawal from further amateur tournaments.

"He's the next 'big star' according to *Golf World* and has shown to have an incredible drive and his youthful exuberance will be sure to capture the spirit of the sport and add yet another reason why this year's Reno-Tahoe Open is a must see," said Jim Kline, tournament director for the Reno-Tahoe Open. "Jason Day's career is only just getting started and we're thrilled he will be with us for the Reno-Tahoe Open tournament."

Recent success in the United States includes top 10 finishes in the Monroe Invitational Championship and the Northeast Amateur event, as well as titles in Australia including winning the Queensland Amateur and the Queensland Medal in recent months. Coming from the Hills International Golf Club in Queensland, Day has an accomplished amateur resume including the following career highlights from 2005 and 2004:

- 2005 and 2004 Qld Junior Male Amateur Golfer of the Year
- Winner - 2005 & 2004 Australian Junior Order of Merit
- Winner - 2005 Queensland Junior Championship
- Winner - 2005 Victorian & South Australian Junior Masters
- Winner - 2005 and 2004 Gary Player Classic (16-17 Years)
- Runner Up - 2005 Porter Cup (U.S.)
- Runner Up - 2005 Federal Amateur Open
- Winner - 2004 Callaway World Junior Championship (US)
- Winner - 2004 Queensland Amateur Championship
- Winner - 2004 Australian Junior Championship
- Winner - 2004 New Zealand Boys (U 19) Championship
- Winner - 2004 Trans Tasman School Teams Challenge (Individual)

The Reno-Tahoe Open has seen some of the biggest players on the TOUR, with nearly 40 players who have won major championships and many Ryder Cup and President's Cup players including: Fred Couples, John Daly, Scott McCarron, Sergio Garcia, Mark O'Meara and Nick Faldo. Vaughn Taylor, two time Reno-Tahoe Open Champion (2004 and 2005), is currently ranked 26th on the 2006 money list. The tournament is the only PGA TOUR event in northern Nevada and features a field of 132 PGA TOUR professionals competing for a \$3 million purse.

To purchase tickets or for additional information, contact the Reno-Tahoe Open offices at 775-322-3900 or visit www.RenoTahoeOpen.com.

The 2006 Reno-Tahoe Open PGA TOUR is scheduled for Aug. 21-27, 2006 at Montr eux Golf & Country Club in Reno and is broadcast nationally on The Golf Channel. Now in its eighth year, the tournament is the only PGA TOUR event in northern Nevada and features a field of 132 PGA TOUR professionals competing for a \$3 million purse. The Reno-Tahoe Open is operated and managed by the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation comprised of its members including the Eldorado Hotel Casino, Montr eux Development Group, Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority and Sierra Pacific Resources.

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