



Reno-Tahoe Open

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MONTRÉUX GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB PREPARES ITS COURSE FOR THE EIGHTH ANNUAL RENO-TAHOE OPEN

RENO, Nev. (July 31, 2006) - The Reno-Tahoe Open, a regular full field stop on the PGA TOUR, returns to the lush fairways of Montréux Golf & Country Club Aug. 21 – 27 bringing with it top TOUR professionals competing for a \$3 million purse. As Montréux Development Group prepares the only Jack Nicklaus-designed course in Reno, Nev., it's fine-tuning the fairways and watching the weather closely in order to have the course in top condition for PGA TOUR play. The 18-hole course, which Nicklaus has designated one of his "top five," plays over 7,500 yards.

"We have really stepped up our watering practices in order to compensate for the hot weather we've been having over the past few weeks. On any given day, we will have a staff of eight to 12 out on the course hand watering so that we get the dry spots covered without over-watering the areas that don't need it," said Doug Heinrich, superintendent of Montréux Golf & Country Club. "We really want the course to be in tip-top shape for this year's tournament so we've really got to watch how the weather may affect the course over the next few weeks."

Montréux is also using additional fertilizer on the course to guarantee its lush green appearance and to ensure consistent playing surfaces. Areas outside the fairway, or "the rough" as it is commonly known, will be grown out to approximately four inches as an increased penalty on poor shots.

To further increase putting difficulty, greens are double-mowed each day and only light hand watering is used. This dries out and hardens the green, increasing ball speed and therefore the difficulty of the shot.

The Reno-Tahoe Open at Montréux Golf & Country Club takes place Aug. 21 – 27, 2006 in Reno-Tahoe, America's Adventure Place. For tickets and package information, log on to www.RenoTahoeOpen.com or call the tournament office at 775-322-3900.

The 2006 Reno-Tahoe Open PGA TOUR is scheduled for Aug. 21-27, 2006 at Montréux 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, Montréux Development Group, Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority and Sierra Pacific Resources.

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