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## **Marc Leishman Wins the 2017 BMW Championship at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, IL.**

**Lake Forest, IL (September 17, 2017)** – BMW congratulates Marc Leishman on winning the 2017 BMW Championship today at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, IL. Leishman took charge from the start, completing the first round nine-under par and never looking back. Once atop the leaderboard, Leishman remained in control, finishing today at a total of 23-under to secure his victory, tying the tournament record.

“I set goals and always thought I was good enough to get into that top twenty. It’s pretty cool to now get into the top fifteen,” said Marc Leishman regarding his FedEx Cup standing. “It’s another thing that’s pretty satisfying about today.”

Following his victory, Marc Leishman was presented with the BMW Championship and J.K. Wadley trophies by Bernhard Kuhnt, President & CEO, BMW of North America.

“Congratulations to all of the players, staff and volunteers on another great BMW Championship – and congratulations to Marc Leishman on an impressive performance,” said Bernhard Kuhnt, President & CEO, BMW of North America. “Marc played with a lot of skill and determination to secure this well-deserved victory.”

All proceeds from the BMW Championship benefit the Evans Scholars Foundation, which provides full housing and tuition scholarships to hardworking caddies. The BMW Championship has raised more than \$24 million for the Evans Scholars Foundation since the tournament’s inception in 2007.

On Friday, September 15, Jason Day recorded a hole-in-one, resulting in the donation of a fifth BMW Hole-in-One Scholarship – a full, four year Evans Scholarship worth \$100,000. Day aced the 17<sup>th</sup> Hole at Conway Farms, which also earned him a BMW M760i, which he in turn donated to the Evans Scholars Foundation.

In the 2017-2018 academic year, 965 caddies will be attending 19 major universities on Evans Scholarships. The proceeds from the 2017 BMW Championship, along with the generosity of Jason Day and the BMW Hole-in-One Scholarship in his name, will support the Evans Scholars Foundation’s goal to have 1,000 caddies actively enrolled in college by the year 2020.

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**Journalist Note:**

All press releases, downloadable photos and videos regarding the 2017 BMW Championship are available at:  
[www.BMWUSANews.com/BMWChampionship](http://www.BMWUSANews.com/BMWChampionship)

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**About the BMW Championship**

The BMW Championship dates back to 1899 when it debuted as the Western Open, making it the third-oldest tournament on the PGA TOUR schedule, behind only the British Open and U.S. Open. BMW has sponsored the tournament since 2007 when it became the penultimate event of the PGA TOUR's FedExCup Playoffs. The BMW Championship features a field of the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings to determine the final 30 players for the FedExCup finale at the TOUR Championship in Atlanta. Since 2007, the BMW Championship has contributed more than \$24 million to the Evans Scholars Foundation, the event's charitable beneficiary. For more information about the BMW Championship, visit [www.BMWChampionship.com](http://www.BMWChampionship.com).

**About the Western Golf Association**

The Western Golf Association conducts three national golf championships and supports the nationally acclaimed Evans Scholars Foundation. Headquartered in Golf, Illinois, the organization was founded in 1899 by 11 Chicago-area golf clubs to promote their interests in golf. In addition to the BMW Championship, the WGA conducts two prestigious amateur championships, the Western Amateur and the Western Junior. To learn more, visit [www.wgaesf.org](http://www.wgaesf.org).

**About the Evans Scholars Foundation**

Established by famed amateur golfer Charles Chick Evans Jr., the Evans Scholars Foundation provides full housing and tuition college scholarships to high-achieving caddies from across the country. The Program, supported by the Western Golf Association, is funded by contributions from more than 30,000 donors nationwide, including Evans Scholars Alumni, as well as proceeds from WGA championships. Since the Program's inception in 1930, more than 10,400 caddies nationwide have graduated as Evans Scholars. To learn more, visit [www.wgaesf.org](http://www.wgaesf.org).