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## **Castle Pines Golf Club to Host 2024 BMW Championship.**

**Penultimate event of the PGA TOUR FedExCup Playoffs to bring the top 70 TOUR players back to the Denver area.**

**GLENVIEW, III. (May 11, 2022)** – The PGA TOUR, Western Golf Association (WGA) and Castle Pines Golf Club officials announced today that the 2024 BMW Championship will be played at Castle Pines Golf Club in Castle Rock, Colorado. While official dates have not been announced, the event is scheduled to return to the Denver area in August 2024.

“We’re so thrilled to bring the best players on the PGA TOUR back to Castle Pines and the Denver area for the BMW Championship,” said Vince Pellegrino, WGA Senior Vice President of Tournaments. “This golf course was made to host high-level championships, and we anticipate an unparalleled experience for the players, the Castle Pines community, and our fans.”

The 2024 event will mark the PGA TOUR’s return to Castle Pines Golf Club, which hosted The International, a unique championship that utilized the Modified Stableford scoring system, from 1986 until 2006. It will be the BMW Championship’s first visit to Colorado since 2014, when Billy Horschel won at Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills Village en route to capturing the FedExCup title. The BMW Championship was named PGA TOUR Tournament of the Year for a third consecutive season in 2014.

The 2022 BMW Championship will be played Aug. 16-21 at Wilmington Country Club in Wilmington, Delaware, and the 2023 event will be played at Olympia Fields Country Club in Olympia Fields, Illinois.

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“Castle Pines Golf Club and its members welcome the opportunity to test the top 70 players on the PGA TOUR and put the focus of the golf world back on this iconic venue,” said George Solich, Castle Pines Golf Club Chairman and President. “It was always Jack Vickers’ vision to build a championship golf course and hold a tournament of national prominence. The International was the manifestation of that vision for over two decades. Hosting the 2024 BMW Championship reaffirms Jack’s vision and our commitment to championship golf at the highest level.”

The highly acclaimed Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course at Castle Pines opened in 1981, capitalizing on iconic Colorado scenery with holes carved through natural rock features and majestic Ponderosa pines. Now playing over 8,000 yards with a par of 72, the undulating layout features narrow fairways and elevated, multi-tiered greens. Through the leadership of Nicklaus and the Nicklaus design team, the golf course has been updated to ensure its status as a championship layout.

“It’s very exciting to see Castle Pines back in tournament golf,” Nicklaus said. “We have made some excellent changes to the golf course over the last five years, which make it more playable but still quite challenging. The players will really enjoy this renewed facility.”

During its 21-year run on the PGA TOUR, The International at Castle Pines Golf Club was one of the players’ favorite stops, combining great shot values, impeccable course conditions, excellent service, and of course, those milkshakes. It was an incredible run on the PGA TOUR and helped put Castle Pines Golf Club forever on the map of great places in golf.

Jim Nantz of CBS Sports said, “Castle Pines is one of the most stunning clubs and courses in the world. For 21 extraordinary years it was viewed by many as their favorite stop on TOUR. It is wonderful to see it return. Club Founder, the late Jack Vickers, one of the few to ever be recognized with the PGA TOUR Lifetime Achievement award, is smiling down on the leadership and vision of the club’s Board of Directors. This is a proud day for Colorado, the PGA TOUR, and Castle Pines.”

In addition to having an estimated \$30 million economic impact on the Denver metro area, the 2024 BMW Championship is expected to play a vital philanthropic role by

introducing more golfers and fans in the region to the Evans Scholars Foundation and its mission of awarding full tuition and housing college scholarships to deserving youth caddies. There are 1,070 Evans Scholars enrolled in 21 leading universities nationwide this year, including 58 at the University of Colorado (CU) in Boulder.

“We are proud of the positive impact that the BMW Championship has made on so many lives over the past 15 years,” said Sebastian Mackensen, President and CEO, BMW of North America. “Each time we host this event in a different market, it provides a great opportunity to raise awareness for the Evans Scholars Foundation and showcase the BMW brand for customers and golf fans in the area.”

All proceeds from the BMW Championship benefit the Evans Scholars Foundation. Since 2007, the event has raised more than \$40 million for Evans Scholarships. Eight caddies from Castle Pines Golf Club have earned the Evans Scholarship since 1985, including two Scholars who are attending CU.

WGA President and CEO John Kaczowski noted “Castle Pines Golf Club has long been a tremendous supporter of youth caddies and of the Evans Scholars Foundation. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase this beautiful club and our shared efforts to reach more deserving young caddies.”

The BMW Championship features the top 70 PGA TOUR players vying to earn one of 30 spots in the season-ending TOUR Championship and the chance to be crowned FedExCup champion. Past BMW Championship winners include Patrick Cantlay, Jon Rahm, Justin Thomas, Keegan Bradley, Dustin Johnson, Jason Day, Rory McIlroy, Zach Johnson, Justin Rose and Tiger Woods.

“The BMW Championship has had a significant impact on the success of the FedExCup Playoffs over the last 15 years, thanks in part to the rotation of venues and locations,” said Tyler Dennis, PGA TOUR Executive Vice President and President. “Castle Pines Golf Club and its members have already shown a tremendous amount of enthusiasm for this championship, and we are excited to partner with BMW, the WGA and the club for a FedExCup Playoffs tournament that will be one of Denver’s premier sports and entertainment events in 2024.”

For more information, visit [www.bmwchampionship.com](http://www.bmwchampionship.com).

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Members of the Denver sports community weigh in on the 2024 BMW Championship coming to Castle Pines Golf Club:

**David Duval, 13-time PGA TOUR winner**

“As a proud member and representative of Castle Pines, it thrills me to see the PGA TOUR returning. Mr. Vickers’ vision of what a club should be is well represented today. Building upon that vision, George Solich has made certain Castle Pines stands among the elite clubs in our country. The upgraded facilities, along with the course improvements, will definitely excite the BMW Championship participants. I have been asked numerous times through the years by countless players if Castle Pines will ever host a TOUR event again. Today, the answer is yes. I’m confident the players will be most excited to hear this news and I can’t wait for 2024.”

**John Elway, Hall of Fame Quarterback, Executive Committee & Board Member of Castle Pines Golf Club**

“I’ve been a proud member of Castle Pines for 32 years, and I’m so excited to see the best players on the PGA TOUR return to this iconic venue. Jack Vickers was a dear friend and I know how much The International meant to him and our greater community. I think Jack would be elated to see championship golf return to Castle Pines. Denver and all of Colorado have such great sports fans. I know they will be excited to see the best in professional golf come back to our great state.”

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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 final at the TOUR Championship in Atlanta. Since 2007, the BMW Championship has contributed more than \$40 million to the Evans Scholars Foundation, the event’s charitable beneficiary. To learn more, visit [www.bmwchampionship.com](http://www.bmwchampionship.com).

### **About Castle Pines Golf Club**

Castle Pines Golf Club was the longtime dream and vision of Denver businessman Jack A. Vickers. In 1981, with the help of close friend, renowned champion golfer, fellow Castle Pines Founder and golf course architect Jack Nicklaus, his vision became reality with the birth of Castle Pines Golf Club. The 18-hole Nicklaus Signature design has stood the test of time and was a prominent stop on the PGA TOUR from 1986-2006. The INTERNATIONAL was noted as one of the TOUR players' favorite venues and hosted some of the greatest players in the history of golf, with champions including Davis Love III (1990, 2003), Phil Mickelson (1993, 1997), Vijay Singh (1998) and Ernie Els (2000). More than \$10 million was donated by The International Charities, the non-profit arm of The International, to charities throughout Colorado and beyond. Now playing at over 8,000 yards, with a par of 72, this undulating layout features narrow fairways lined with majestic Ponderosa pines and elevated, multi-tiered greens. The golf course has consistently been rated among the great places in the game by Golf Digest. The Club's membership, by invitation only, has a combination of National and Colorado Members that represent 29 different states. In addition to the championship golf course, the Club is known for its exceptional culinary and wine experience as well as the warm and genuine service provided to its Members and their guests.

### **About the Western Golf Association**

The Western Golf Association conducts six national golf championships and sponsors the nationally acclaimed Evans Scholars Foundation. Headquartered in Glenview, 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 on the PGA TOUR and the NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank on the Korn Ferry Tour, the WGA conducts four prestigious amateur championships: the Western Amateur, the Western Junior, and the Women's Western Golf Association's Amateur and Junior championships.

### **About the Evans Scholars Foundation**

Established by the WGA and famed amateur golfer Charles Chick Evans Jr., the Evans Scholars Foundation provides full housing and tuition scholarships to high-achieving caddies across the country. Currently, a record 1,070 caddies are enrolled in 21 universities across the nation as Evans Scholars. The Program, which is supported by the WGA, is funded by contributions from more than 33,500 Par Club members, including Evans Scholars Alumni, as well as proceeds from the BMW Championship. Since the Program's inception in 1930, more than 11,550 caddies nationwide have graduated as Evans Scholars. To learn more, visit [www.wgaesf.org](http://www.wgaesf.org).

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