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## Roberts and Haas commit to play in Kansas City

### Early commitments also include Watson, Stadler, Quigley and McCord

Overland Park, Kansas – The Greater Kansas City Golf Classic announced today that Loren Roberts and Jay Haas have committed to play in Kansas City’s Champions Tour event. This year’s event will be held June 26 - July 2, 2006 at The Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate in Overland Park, Kan. Sprint Nextel, HCA Midwest Health System, Garmin, and Cerner are the title sponsors.

“We are pleased that these two rising stars on the Champions Tour, Loren Roberts and Jay Haas, have committed to our event,” said Bob Burris, Executive Director, Greater Kansas City Golf Classic. “Kansas City traditionally has one of the strongest fields on the Champions Tour schedule and we certainly expect that to continue.”

Roberts, who won the first three events on the 2006 Champions Tour schedule, is currently atop the Champions Tour Official Money List with \$934,680. Haas, who has one win this season, is currently second on the Money List with \$615,735.

Currently, 8 of the top 10, and 21 of the top 30 from the 2005 Champions Tour Money List have announced they will play in the 2006 Greater Kansas City Golf Classic.

Following is an alpha list of players who have committed thus far:

Jim Ahern	Vicente Fernandez	Pat McGowan	Ron Streck
Jim Albus	Bruce Fleisher	Tom McKnight	Mike Sullivan
Hugh Baiocchi	Jay Haas	Mark McNulty	Bruce Summerhays
Andy Bean	Walter Hall	Hajime Meshiai	Doug Tewell
John Bland	Kirk Hanefeld	Lonnie Nielsen	Leonard Thompson
Brad Bryant	John Harris	Naomichi Joe Ozaki	Rocky Thompson
Jose Maria Canizares	Morris Hatalsky	Dan Pohl	Jim Thorpe
Jim Chancey	Joe Inman	Don Pooley	Howard Twitty
Jim Dent	Mark James	Jimmy Powell	Bobby Wadkins
Ed Dougherty	Tom Jenkins	Dana Quigley	Tom Wargo
Allen Doyle	Mark Johnson	Mike Reid	Denis Watson
R.W. Eaks	Rick Karbowski	Rick Rhoden	Tom Watson
Bob Eastwood	Massy Kuramoto	Loren Roberts	D.A. Weibring
Danny Edwards	Bill Longmuir	Mike San Filippo	Larry Ziegler
David Edwards	Graham Marsh	Jay Sigel	
David Eger	Scott Masingill	Tim Simpson	
Dave Eichelberger	James Mason	Des Smyth	
Jack Ferenz	Gary McCord	Craig Stadler	
Keith Fergus	Mike McCullough	Dave Stockton	

The Greater Kansas City Golf Classic, will be held June 26 - July 2, 2006 at The Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate in Overland Park, Kan. The unique format of the Greater Kansas City Golf Classic offers golf fans the chance to see 76 Champions TOUR legends team up with 76 amateurs in a team format, similar to the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic. The low 12 teams with scores posted during the Friday and Saturday Pro-Am will advance into Sunday's final round. The Greater Kansas City Golf Classic is managed by The Pride of Kansas City Foundation and benefits local children's charities.

For additional information, please contact Bob Burris, Executive Director, at 913-814-7744, or email [bob@prideofkc.org](mailto:bob@prideofkc.org).

#### About The Pride of Kansas City Foundation

The Pride of Kansas City Foundation is a not for profit 501.C.3 private charitable organization initially formed to produce Kansas City's annual Champions TOUR event and disburse the charitable proceeds raised. Ultimately, the Foundation will produce enriching community activities all-year-long that enhance the lifestyles of those who live in Kansas City, work in Kansas City and play in Kansas City. The Executive Board is made up of corporate and civic community leaders whose job will be to develop the guidelines for distributing charitable funds to the named charity.

#### About Sprint Nextel

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#### About HCA

HCA Midwest Health System operates 12 hospitals in the Kansas City metropolitan area, including Allen County Hospital, Menorah Medical Center, and Overland Park Regional Medical Center in Kansas; and Baptist-Lutheran Medical Center, Cass Medical Center, Independence Regional Health Center, Lafayette Regional Health Center, Lee's Summit Hospital, Medical Center of Independence, Research Belton Hospital, Research Medical Center, and Research Psychiatric Center in Missouri. Nashville-based HCA (NYSE: HCA) formalized its \$1.13 billion acquisition of Kansas City's Health Midwest network of hospitals in April 2003. You may visit us online at [www.HCAMidwest.com](http://www.HCAMidwest.com).

#### About Garmin

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#### About Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate

Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate is a private country club located in Overland Park, 10 miles southwest of Kansas City, Missouri. In addition to the 18-hole championship golf course, the club features a 21,000-square-foot clubhouse that includes full men's and ladies' locker rooms, golf pro shop, fine dining and grill rooms.

#### About ClubCorp

Founded in 1957, Dallas-based ClubCorp is the world leader in delivering premier golf, private club, and resort experiences. Internationally, ClubCorp's affiliates own or operate nearly 170 golf courses, country clubs, private business and sports clubs, and resorts. ClubCorp has more than \$1.5 billion in assets. Among the company's nationally recognized golf properties are Pinehurst in the Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina (North America's largest golf resort, home to the 1999 and 2005 U.S. Opens); Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio (site of the World Golf Championships – Bridgestone Invitational); Vista Vallarta in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (site of the 2006 Champions Tour Puerto Vallarta Blue Agave Golf Classic); Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California (home of the Kraft Nabisco Championship); and The Homestead in Hot Springs, Virginia (America's first resort founded in 1766). The more than 60 business clubs and business and sports clubs include the Boston College Club; City Club on Bunker Hill in Los Angeles; Columbia Tower Club in Seattle; Metropolitan Club in Chicago; and the City Club of Washington, D.C. The company's 18,000 employees serve the nearly 200,000 member households and 200,000 guests who visit ClubCorp properties each year. Visit [www.clubcorp.com](http://www.clubcorp.com) for additional company information.

#### About The Champions Tour

The Champions Tour is a tax-exempt membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older. Conceived in 1980 as the Senior PGA Tour, it has grown to 29 official events offering a minimum of \$52.7 million in prize money in 2005 and its highest average purse ever of \$1.82 million. The Champions Tour's primary purpose is to provide significant competitive and earnings opportunities for players age 50 and older; to protect the integrity of the game; and to help grow the reach of the game in the U.S. and around the world. In addition to providing competitive opportunities for its membership, Champions Tour events also generate significant sums of money for charity. On Oct. 30th, the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour and Nationwide Tour and their tournaments announced they had reached the \$1 billion milestone in charitable donations dating back to the first recorded donation in 1938. The commissioner of the PGA TOUR is Tim Finchem. Rick George is president of the Champions Tour. TOUR headquarters is in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. Our web site address is [PGATOUR.COM](http://PGATOUR.COM).

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