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MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT INCREASES FIELD TO 120 PLAYERS

Tickets on sale through April 30, 2008

Dublin, OH - March 27, 2008 - The Memorial Tournament presented by Morgan Stanley reconfirmed today that its field size has been increased from 105 players to 120 beginning with the 2008 tournament. The change was made after the PGA TOUR policy board approved a decision to standardize the fields to no less than 120 players in invitational events.

“Our decision to raise the field number was largely in response to a request made by the PGA TOUR and Tim Finchem,” said tournament host and founder Jack Nicklaus. “Tim has always been a big supporter of the Memorial Tournament, and he and the TOUR have worked very hard with us over the years and have done everything we have asked of them in order to improve the Memorial. I thought this was one request on their part that was very acceptable. I didn’t have an issue with it.

“Knowing that the increase will not negatively affect how the Memorial operates also was a key factor in the decision,” Nicklaus added. “We can accommodate the increase easily by going to two tees for Thursday and Friday play. Many tournaments, including major championships such as the U.S. Open and PGA Championship, have utilized a two-tee system for years. So we understood the logic in doing the same, and we are comfortable making the move.”

With the change, the Memorial gains additional exemption allowances and the increased ability to invite the best players from the previous year as well as the top performers in the current year. Updates to the Memorial’s Categories of Eligibility include:

- Four additional sponsor exemptions from among the current year’s (2008) PGA TOUR membership.
- Top 70 (*changed from Top 75*) players from the previous year’s (2007) Official PGA TOUR Money List.
- Top 30 players from the previous year’s (2007) FedExCup Points List. (*new category*).

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- Top 70 (*changed from Top 75*) players from the current year's (2008) Official PGA TOUR FedExCup Points List through the event scheduled to conclude one week prior to the final round of the Memorial Tournament (AT&T Classic).
- If necessary, to complete a field of 120 players, PGA TOUR members in positions 71 (*changed from 76*) to 125 from the 2008 Official PGA TOUR FedExCup Points List through the AT&T Classic and 71 (*changed from 76*) to 125 from the 2007 Official PGA TOUR Money List on an alternating basis beginning with the current year FedExCup Points List and in order of their positions on such FedExCup Points/Money Lists.

“With the increase in field size and adjustments to qualification standards we will have an opportunity to ensure the Memorial’s field features the best players, playing at their best each year,” said Executive Director Dan Sullivan. “In addition, by going to two tees on Thursday and Friday fans will have a chance to see golf action all day throughout the golf course beginning at 8am.”

The Memorial Tournament has averaged a field size of roughly 105 players over the tournament’s 32-year history. The smallest field was 91 in 1980 and 1981. The tournament’s largest field was 117 in 1989.

All-Tournament Patron Badges to the 2008 Memorial Tournament are available to the general public. The badges, valid Monday, May 26 through Sunday, June 1, are available for \$170 until April 30. The public may call the Tournament Ticket Office weekdays at 877-MT BADGE between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. or visit www.thememorialtournament.com to purchase badges. Daily tickets for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday practice rounds are also available. The cost is \$35, and they are valid for all three practice round days.

2008 Memorial Tournament Schedule of Events

Monday, May 26	Practice Rounds	All Day
Tuesday, May 27	Practice Rounds	All Day
	Honoree Ceremony ▪ Tony Jacklin, Ralph Guldahl, Charles Blair Macdonald and Craig Wood ▪ Ken Bowden - Journalism Honoree	3:00pm
	Jack Nicklaus Golf Clinic	4:30pm
Wednesday, May 28	Practice Rounds	All Day
	Morgan Stanley Pro Am Invitational	11:30am (Shotgun-Holes 1-12)
	Junior Clinic	5:30pm
Thursday - Sunday (May 29 - June 1)	Tournament Play - 8:00am start (<i>estimated</i>) <i>Awards Ceremony Following Play of Final Round</i>	

**All times subject to change*

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The Memorial Tournament is held annually at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus. The tournament, founded and hosted by Jack Nicklaus, is conducted each year with three goals in mind: to honor the memory of individuals living and deceased who have distinguished themselves in the game of golf; to showcase the world's best golfers competing on one of the most challenging venues in the world for the enjoyment of spectators; and to benefit charitable organizations in central Ohio. For more information, call 614-889-6700 or visit www.thememorialtournament.com.

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