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## SERGIO GARCIA COMMITS

### Major Championship winners Vijay Singh, Ernie Els and Jim Furyk strengthen Tournament field

#### *Limited number of Tournament badges available*

**Dublin, Ohio – May 13, 2008** – Tournament officials announced today that Sergio Garcia, winner of last week's THE PLAYERS Championship, will compete in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Memorial Tournament presented by Morgan Stanley scheduled for May 26-June 1 at Muirfield Village Golf Club. Also committing to the 2008 Memorial are 1997 winner Vijay Singh, 2002 winner Jim Furyk and 2004 winner Ernie Els. With these commitments in place the Tournament will boast a field that includes nine out of the top-10 in the world rankings as well as the World and PGA TOUR money lists.

Coming off his victory at THE PLAYERS Championship, his first win in 54 starts and seventh-career PGA TOUR victory, **Garcia** has rocketed up the world rankings and PGA TOUR and World money lists placing in the top-10 in each at Nos. 10, 8, and 7 respectively. With more than \$2 million in earnings so far this season, he is on track to better the career-high \$3,721,185 he produced in 2007. Garcia has competed in the Memorial Tournament five out of the past seven years with his lone top-10 coming in 2001 when he finished tied for second with Paul Azinger with a 10-under-par 278 aggregate score. His Memorial scoring average of 71.46 ranks No. 26 out of the top-50 in Tournament history.

After his tenth consecutive season finishing among the top-5 on the PGA TOUR Money List, **Singh** has recorded four top-10s so far in 2008, including two second place finishes at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am and the World Golf Championships-CA Championship. He ranks No.9 in the world rankings and No. 5 in FedEx Cup points as well as the World and PGA TOUR money lists with more than \$2.2 million. On strength of 31 career PGA TOUR victories, including the 1998 and 2004 PGA Championships and the 2000 Masters, Singh ranks No.2 in the PGA TOUR career money list with more than \$56 million. Including his 1997 victory, Singh has six top-10s at the Memorial and ranks sixth and seventh respectively in Tournament scoring average at 70.91 and earnings with \$1,448,521.

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Three-time major championship winner **Els** has posted two top-10 finishes in seven starts so far in 2008, including his sixteenth-career PGA TOUR victory at The Honda Classic, and is No. 3 in the world rankings. Els has made the cut in 14 consecutive appearances at the Memorial Tournament and set a Tournament record for fewest total putts, at 100, during his 2004 victory. By way of five top-10 finishes at Muirfield Village Golf Club Els ranks fourth in both Tournament scoring average at 70.78 and earnings with \$1,765,866.81.

**Furyk** currently sits at No. 7 in the world rankings and has recorded four top-10 finishes through 13 starts in 2008. He has four top-10s at the Memorial in 12 straight appearances, including his victory in 2002, and ranks third and sixth respectively in Tournament scoring average at 70.72 and earnings with \$1,462,831.30. Counting his victory at the 2003 U.S. Open Championship at Olympia Fields, Furyk has won 13 times on the PGA TOUR in his 16-year professional career.

In other Memorial Tournament news, a limited number of All-Tournament Patron Badges to the 2008 Memorial Tournament have been made available to the general public. The badges, valid Monday, May 26 through Sunday, June 1, are available for \$185 while quantities last. The public may call the Tournament Ticket Office weekdays at 877-MT BADGE between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or visit [www.thememorialtournament.com](http://www.thememorialtournament.com) to purchase the 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.

“We are thrilled with the Memorial’s field and the prospect of hosting one of the best fields in Tournament history,” said executive director Dan Sullivan. “As well, after communicating to our current patrons for the past few months we feel comfortable releasing 1000 additional badges to central Ohio golf fans. Over the years we have not had a chance to provide this opportunity so close to the Tournament.”

The Memorial Tournament presented by Morgan Stanley 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](http://www.thememorialtournament.com).