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**VIJAY SINGH, JIM FURYK AND ANTHONY KIM
 TO PLAY IN MEMORIAL SKINS GAME**

Dublin, Ohio native Chris Wilson to realize life long ambition

Dublin, Ohio – May 13, 2009 – Officials of the Memorial Tournament announced today that major champions and former Memorial winners Vijay Singh and Jim Furyk, along with rising star and 2008 Ryder Cup sensation Anthony Kim, will compete in the Memorial Skins Game scheduled for Wednesday, June 3 at Muirfield Village Golf Club. Also committing to the 2009 Memorial is Dublin, Ohio, native Chris Wilson.

Wednesday’s Memorial Skins Game will be a nine-hole competition comprised of two foursomes starting on Hole No. 10 at 1 p.m. and 1:15 p.m. EDT, respectively. Players will be outfitted with wireless microphones, in conjunction with the Memorial’s Wednesday Junior Golf Day, so that children and spectators may enjoy the banter among the players during this special competition. A purse of \$100,000 is being offered with proceeds benefiting The First Tee. The following is the purse and skins valuations breakdown:

<u>Holes</u>	<u>Skins Value</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Charity</u>
10-12	\$2,000 per hole	\$6,000	\$6,000
13-15	\$2,500 per hole	\$7,700	\$7,700
16-17	\$3,500 per hole	\$7,000	\$7,000
18	\$4,500	<u>\$4,500</u>	<u>\$4,500</u>
		\$25,000	\$25,000
		<u> x2</u>	<u> X2</u>
		\$50,000	\$50,000

* Any remaining skins after the completion of the 18th hole will be decided by a greenside closest-to-the-hole contest.

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Singh came on strong late in the 2008 season to win three times, including two victories in the PGA TOUR Playoffs (*The Barclays, Deutsche Bank Championship*) to capture the second ever FedExCup. On the strength of eight top-10 finishes and three victories, Singh finished the 2008 season with \$6,601,094 in earnings and ranked No. 1 on the PGA TOUR money list for the third time in his career (2003, 2004). Among his 34 PGA TOUR victories, the most by an international player in PGA TOUR history, Singh has won three major championships (*1998 and 2004 PGA Championship and 2000 Masters*) along with the 1997 Memorial Tournament. Singh will make his 17th trip to the Memorial in 2009. He holds the sixth best scoring average in Tournament history at 70.83 and is ranked No. 7 on the Memorial's career money list with more than \$1.4 million. Singh was the 1993 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year and the 2004 Player of the Year. He has been a member of seven Presidents Cup International Teams (1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2007).

On strength of four top-10 finishes in 10 events so far in 2009, **Furyk** is ranked 22nd on the PGA TOUR money list and 23rd on the World money list with more than \$1.3 million. He is ranked 27th on the 2009 FedExCup points list and is No. 14 in the world rankings. Furyk has recorded 13 PGA TOUR victories, including the 2002 Memorial Tournament and the 2003 U.S. Open. He has competed in the Memorial 13 of the past 14 years, with his lone absence coming in 2004 when he was sidelined with a hand injury. Furyk holds the seventh best scoring average in Tournament history at 70.92 and is ranked No. 6 on the career money list at the Memorial with \$1,486,831.30 in earnings. He has been a member of six U.S. Ryder Cup Teams (1997, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008) and five Presidents Cup Teams (1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2007).

In 2008, **Kim** enjoyed the best season of his brief professional career. He recorded more than \$4.6 million in earnings and finished fourth on the 2008 FedExCup points list by way of eight top-10 finishes, including his first and second career PGA TOUR victories at the *Wachovia Championship* and *AT&T National*. Kim capped his season by playing a crucial role as the United States won the Ryder Cup, highlighted by a 5-and-4 victory over Ryder Cup veteran Sergio Garcia in the first match of Sunday singles. He followed up his career year with a top-10 finish at the 2009 season opening Mercedes-Benz Championship in Hawaii, finishing tied for second with Davis Love III. Kim will be making his second appearance at the Memorial Tournament; he tied for 35th in his previous stop in Dublin, Ohio, in 2007 and has a Memorial Tournament scoring average of 71.00.

Wilson is a 2003 graduate of Dublin Coffman High School where he was a three-time conference Player of the Year. In 2005 he won the 99th Ohio Amateur Championship and in 2006 won the individual Big Ten title while leading Northwestern University to the Big Ten Championship. Wilson has been competing on the NGA Hooters Tour since turning professional in 2007, and last year he won his first professional tournament

at StoneybrookWest Golf Club. This will be Wilson's first unrestricted sponsors exemption into the Memorial Tournament field as well as his first start on the PGA TOUR. "This has been a dream of mine since I was a kid," Wilson said. "Growing up as kids in Dublin we went to every Memorial. We would count down the days and even miss school sometimes just to watch some golf. Growing up and playing a PGA TOUR event in my own hometown is a dream come true. Outside of the majors the Memorial is number one on my list; to me it is a major."

Early-week events of note at the 2009 Memorial Tournament will include Military Appreciation Day on Tuesday, June 2. The Opening Ceremonies at 3:00PM, where 2009 Memorial Tournament Honorees Jack Burke Jr. and JoeAnne Carner and 2008 Journalism Honorees David Davies and Tom Place will be recognized. Tuesday will conclude with the Jack Nicklaus Clinic at 4:30 p.m. on the main driving range. Wednesday, June 3 is Junior Golf Day with all kids 18 and under admitted free with a ticketed adult. Wednesday features not only the aforementioned Memorial Skins Game, but also the Memorial Tournament Junior Golf Clinic, which begins at 5:30 p.m. located at Safari Golf Club.

All-week Patron Badges to the 2009 Memorial Tournament are available to the general public. The badges, valid June 1-7, cost \$155 and include a complimentary three-day Practice Round ticket at no extra cost. As always, kids 12 and under can attend for free. The public may call the Tournament Ticket Office 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at 877-MT BADGE or visit www.thememorialtournament.com to purchase badges. Daily tickets for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday practice rounds are also available. The cost is \$30, and they are valid for all three practice-round days.

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.