



## PGA TOUR, The Ridgewood Country Club announce kickoff for 2008 event

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FL (Jan. 28, 2008) – The Ridgewood Country Club, which was recently announced as host venue for the 2008 Barclays, and the PGA TOUR have announced the kickoff of ticket and sponsorship sales and volunteer recruitment efforts. The Barclays, one of the premier events on the PGA TOUR schedule and the first of four events in the PGA TOUR Playoff for the FedExCup, is scheduled for Aug. 18-24.

“The Ridgewood Country Club membership and staff, as well as the Paramus, N.J., community, have already embraced this event with open arms, and we’re excited to get things underway in order to present a world-class PGA TOUR event in August,” said The Barclays Executive Director Peter Mele. “As the first event in the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup, golf fans in this community and the surrounding area have the opportunity to witness the best players in the world competing in a unique and pressure-packed event. We look forward to hosting an enthusiastic crowd here at Ridgewood.”

“Our club is proud to host a premier PGA TOUR event such as The Barclays, and we look forward to welcoming the TOUR and all of the great players to Ridgewood later this year,” said Alex Khowaylo, The Ridgewood Country Club president. “I believe our hybrid Championship course layout will provide a fair test for the players and an exciting viewing event for the spectators.”

The Ridgewood Country Club was founded in 1890, and the 27-hole golf course designed by A.W. Tillinghast in 1929. Ridgewood has hosted two professional major championships, the 2001 Senior PGA Championship (won by Tom Watson) and the 1990 U.S. Senior Open (won by Lee Trevino), as well as the 1935 Ryder Cup and the 1974 U.S. Amateur (won by Jerry Pate). The course was ranked 87<sup>th</sup> in the United States by *Golf Magazine* in September 2007 and No. 84 Most Prestigious Clubs in America by *Golf Connoisseur* in 2006. The 2008 Barclays will be staged over a hybrid 18 holes from the Center, West, and East Courses.

Grounds badges for the 2008 Barclays at The Ridgewood Country Club are on now on sale for the following prices: a combined Tuesday/Wednesday ticket, \$25; Daily tickets for Thursday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday, \$35; and Weekly badges (tournament admittance Tuesday-Sunday), \$100.

To purchase tickets or obtain sponsorship information, call 800-765-4742. Those wishing to volunteer for The Barclays can call the same number.





The Barclays has been a part of the PGA TOUR schedule since 1967 when Jack Nicklaus won the inaugural event at Westchester Country Club. Since that time, some of the greatest players in the game have earned the title including World Golf Hall of Fame members Arnold Palmer,

Johnny Miller, Raymond Floyd, Seve Ballesteros, Hale Irwin, Curtis Strange and Vijay Singh, who has won The Barclays three times. Many of the world's current top players have won the event as well, including two-time champions Ernie Els and Sergio Garcia, as well as 2007 Barclays champion Steve Stricker, whose emotional win at the sport's first Playoff event ended his victory drought that dated back to the 2001 season.

The 2009 Barclays will be held at Liberty National in Jersey City, N.J. The rotation for The Barclays for 2010 and beyond will be announced at a later time, but will include at least one return trip to Westchester Country Club by 2012.

#### **About the PGA TOUR**

The PGA TOUR is a tax-exempt membership organization of professional golfers. Its primary purpose is to provide competitive earnings opportunities for past, current and future members of the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour and Nationwide Tour; 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 2008, the three Tours are competing in approximately 108 events for approximately \$355 million in prize money. Tournaments are being held in nine countries outside the U.S. and in 37 states. In addition to providing competitive opportunities for its membership, TOUR events also generate significant funds for local charities. In fact, the three Tours have surpassed the \$1 billion mark in overall charitable contributions. The PGA TOUR's web site address is [www.pgatour.com](http://www.pgatour.com) and the company is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.

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