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Tullymore Classic Week is Here: Future LPGA Stars Take on Tullymore

STANWOOD, Mich. – Tullymore Golf Resort, an award-winning world-class golf and lodging destination in the heart of Michigan, is the place to be every week, but especially this week.

The Tullymore Classic, a Symetra Tour event featuring the future stars of the LPGA Tour, will play Friday through Sunday in a 54-hole, \$100,000 championship on the resort's Tullymore championship course. Pro-am days are Wednesday and Thursday, and tickets at \$10 will be available at the gate.

"This is the place to be," Terry Schieber, the CEO at the resort said. "That's what we want everybody to know. Tullymore Golf Resort has so much to offer. Once people visit, they see it, they get it. We have great golf courses, great lodging, great dining, really the perfect golf destination here. Having the Symetra Tour come this week adds yet another level of excitement to what is already a great holiday week."

Two distinct world-class golf courses welcome golfers to Tullymore, including the award-winning Tullymore course designed by the renowned James Engh, which will play host to the pros in the Tullymore Classic.

In addition, St. Ives Golf Club is a prime example of the best design work by Michigan's own Jerry Matthews. The 36 holes of great golf wind amid 800 acres of glacier-carved rolling Michigan woodlands and wetlands in the captivating Canadian Lakes area.

The luxuriously appointed accommodations and premium amenities like the fitness center, indoor and outdoor pools, and two comfortable clubhouses with great dining service options make for more reasons to visit and stay for a while. Choose from a getaway for two in the cozy inns, or a cottage, condominium or rental home for an unforgettable few days away or even a home away from home.

Tullymore Classic Week gives visitors a chance to see the young professionals like Michigan's own Laura Kueny of Whitehall, a former Michigan State star on the cusp of becoming an LPGA standout.

The championship will tee off on Friday and conclude on Sunday with the top 144 up-and-coming professionals in women's golf will competing. The winner will earn \$15,000 and have an opportunity to move into the top-10 on the Volvik Race for the Card money list. The top-10 on the year-end Symetra Tour money list earns LPGA Tour membership for the 2016 season.

Former Michigan resident Meg Mallon, an 18-time LPGA Tour winner and 2013 Solheim Cup captain, will be the honorary host of the Tullymore Classic. She will attend the pairings party on Tuesday night and play in the pro-am on Wednesday.

Schieber said being selected by the LPGA to host the Symetra Tour event is an honor and the resort is excited.

“Our staff members are eager to host the players and spectators and provide everyone an exceptional experience, and we’ve had a wonderful response by our membership and people from the community stepping forward to volunteer and be part of the event,” he said.

Meanwhile, the golf staff is working to make sure the Tullymore course is ready for the world-class competition. Superintendent Alex Greenacre and his staff will work with the LPGA to provide a perfect tournament course condition. Golf professionals Scot Cucksey and Gary Lewandowski are making sure golf operations run smoothly so resort visitors can enjoy the experience as they play where the pros will be playing in July.

Kueny, a dominant junior golfer in Michigan and All-Big Ten performer at Michigan State, said golf fans will be thrilled by the competition.

“It’s the best of competitive golfers from all over the world and we all have this chance to realize our dreams of playing on the LPGA Tour,” she said. “It’s intense, exciting and just great golf.”

Kueny said the Tullymore course will work perfectly as a means to determine the top player that week.

“You have to use all of your clubs and think your way around this golf course,” she said. “The golfer who executes the shots consistently that week will win. I know that will be my goal.”

Tullymore Golf Resort is a must-stop for golfers who want to play, stay and watch. The resort has hauled in a page of awards and honors including being named Michigan’s No. 1 Golf Resort and one of the Top 50 Golf Resorts in the U.S. in the 2010 Golf World Readers’ Choice Awards. In addition, the resort was named the Silver Medal Winner – Premier Resorts 2010 – The Best Destinations in Golf by Golf Magazine. As for the Tullymore course, it has earned a five-star rating from Golf Digest several times since 2007 and has been ranked among the top 100 Greatest Courses in America multiple times.

Visit www.tullymoreclassic.com for more tournament information and to be a part of the Tullymore Classic.

Visit www.tullymoregolf.com for resort information, and for reservations, call 1 (800) 972-4837 ext. 239.

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