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THE POKAGON BAND AND ITS FOUR WINDS CASINOS ANNOUNCE DATES FOR THE 2023 FOUR WINDS INVITATIONAL

12th Annual Tournament will be held at South Bend Country Club, August 10- 12

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – April 6, 2023 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and its Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce that the 2023 Four Winds Invitational will be held at South Bend Country Club from Thursday, August 10 through Saturday, August 12. This year’s Four Winds Invitational will offer a \$200,000 purse for the players and the proceeds from the tournament will be donated to Beacon Children’s Hospital. The Four Winds Invitational is part of the Epson Tour, which enters its 43rd year of structured competition in 2023 and is the most established women’s qualifying tour in the world as the one “Road to the LPGA.”

“We are very excited to announce the dates for the 12th edition of the Four Winds Invitational,” said Rebecca Richards, Tribal Chairwoman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. “Over the last 11 years, we’ve donated \$892,500 to Beacon Children’s Hospital using proceeds from the tournament to help with the acquisition of life-saving equipment to better serve patients and families in the South Bend community. A cumulative donation of this size would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors and donors. We look forward to working again with the LPGA Epson Tour, South Bend Country Club and its members, along with volunteers and vendors to make the 2023 Four Winds Invitational our best tournament yet.”

“The city of South Bend is ideally suited to host one of the premier events on the LPGA Epson Tour with the award-winning South Bend Country Club offering a challenging course for players and our newly expanded casino resort, Four Winds South Bend, offering luxury accommodations, entertainment, fine dining and event space,” said Frank Freedman, Chief Operating Officer of Four Winds Casinos. “We are very thankful for the sponsors and everyone who works tirelessly to help make the Four Winds Invitational so successful every year. We’re looking forward to another great tournament this year.”

Duke Downey, CEO of South Bend Country Club, added, “We are very proud to once again be selected by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and its Four Winds Casinos to host the 2023 Four Winds Invitational. We are excited to welcome the future generation of rising LPGA stars and showcase what our award-winning golf course has to offer. I would also like to thank the members of South Bend Country Club for their support of the players leading up to and during tournament week.”

About the Four Winds Invitational

The Four Winds® Invitational was established in 2012 as part of the Road to the LPGA®, and is sponsored by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and its Four Winds® Casinos. The tournament features a field of

professional women golfers from around the world. More information is available at:
<http://fourwindsinvitational.com/>.

About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and Indiana

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's sovereignty was reaffirmed under legislation signed into law by President Clinton in September of 1994. The Pokagon Band is dedicated to providing community development initiatives such as housing, education, family services, medical care, and cultural preservation for its more than 6,000 citizens. The Pokagon Band's ten-county service area includes four counties in Southwestern Michigan and six in Northern Indiana. Its main administrative offices are located in Dowagiac, Mich., with a satellite office in South Bend, Ind. In 2007, it opened Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Mich., followed by Four Winds Hartford in 2011, Four Winds Dowagiac in 2013 and Four Winds South Bend in January 2018. The Pokagon Band operates a variety of businesses via Mno-Bmadsen, its non-gaming investment enterprise. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, www.fourwindscasino.com and www.mno-bmadsen.com

About the Epson Tour

The Epson Tour is the official qualifying tour of the LPGA Tour, the world's leading competitive destination for female professional golfers. With the support of entitlement partner [Seiko Epson Corporation](http://www.seiko.com), the Tour, entering into its 43rd competitive season in 2023, aims to prepare the world's best female professional golfers for a successful career on the LPGA Tour. In the last decade, the Epson Tour has grown from 15 tournaments and \$1.6 million in total prize money to hosting more than 20 events and awarding \$4.9 million in 2023. With more than 600 graduates and alumnae moving on to the LPGA Tour, former Epson Tour players have won 466 LPGA titles.

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