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## **WELCOME FROM THE LPGA**

It's hard to believe that thirteen years ago the Official Qualifying Tour of the LPGA rolled into the South Bend community for the inaugural Four Winds Invitational. Since then, the event became a "must-play" on what is now the Epson Tour, a stop to which players and staff members love returning each year. I'm excited to welcome the next chapter in the tournament's history as the 13th annual edition of the Four Winds Invitational returns to South Bend Country Club for the fourth year. This year 132 athletes will tee it up in hopes of securing a top finish, giving them a chance to move on to the LPGA Tour in 2025 by finishing in the top 15 of the Epson Tour "Race for the Card". Over 20 countries will be represented by the talented women visiting South Bend.

The Four Winds Invitational has been filled with numerous highlights and memorable moments. In 2015, Canadian teenager Brooke Henderson announced her pending stardom by hoisting the trophy. A month after her win in South Bend, she won on the LPGA and is now the winningest Canadian in Men's or Women's professional golf history with 13 victories on Tour, including the 2023 Hilton Grand Vacations Tournament of Champions! Most recent champions Lilia Vu (2021) and Gabriela Ruffels (2023) have also gone on to compete among the best on the LPGA Tour. Vu was named Epson Tour Player of the Year in 2021 and is now a two-time LPGA Tour Champion. Ruffels is off to an outstanding Rookie season on the LPGA Tour, and currently sits in second place for the Louise Suggs Rolex Rookie of the Year award.

As a Tour, we are incredibly grateful for our wonderful relationship with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and Four Winds Casinos. We're also looking forward to building on our long-term relationship with South Bend Country Club. The membership and staff have been especially welcoming of the Epson Tour and the fourth playing of the tournament at their storied venue will only strengthen that relationship.

Lastly, the work the tournament and volunteer committee has done for the community and charity is beyond impressive, raising close to \$1,000,000 for Beacon Health System and Beacon Children's Hospital from the tournament. On behalf of our players, Epson, and the LPGA, it is amazing to witness the hard work from the event staff and volunteers on behalf of the community.

I'll end by promising another wonderful week of golf and fun. Enjoy the tournament!



Sincerely,

Jody Brothers Chief Business & Operating Officer Epson Tour



## **BOZHOO (HELLO) FROM THE POKAGON BAND**

Greetings from the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi of Michigan and Indiana and welcome to the Four Winds Invitational.

For those of you not familiar with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians, we have lived in the region for hundreds of years and we are one of two federally-recognized Indian Tribes in the State of Indiana. Hundreds of Pokagon Citizens reside in South Bend and we have more than 6,000 citizens that are members of our Tribe.

The Pokagon Band is one of the largest employers in the region and we own and operate three Four Winds Casinos in Michigan, and one in South Bend, Indiana as well as several other businesses through Mno-Bmadsen and the Pokagon Development Authority, our two non-gaming economic development enterprises.

We have always felt it is very important to give back to the community. One of the ways we do that is through our sponsorship of the Four Winds Invitational and we are very pleased that the tournament has returned for its 13th year.

The previous tournaments were a great success and attracted fans from throughout the region. We are extremely pleased to continue our partnership with the LPGA's Epson Tour and excited for our more recent partnership with the South Bend Country Club.

In addition, we are very excited that this year's Four Winds Invitational will offer a \$262,500 purse and to date we have offered over \$1.7 million in prize money, making the Four Winds Invitational one of the most popular events on the Epson Tour.

We are also very proud to have donated close to \$1,000,000 to Beacon Health System and Beacon Children's Hospital over the past twelve years, using proceeds from the tournament. Proceeds from this year's tournament will be used by Beacon to purchase 20 new syringe feeding pumps for its Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The syringe feeding pumps used in the NICU are medical devices that deliver nutrition to patients who are unable to take breast milk or formula orally.

We hope you enjoy all of the action of the Four Winds Invitational and we look forward to seeing you on the course.



Pokégnek Bodéwadmik

Migwetth (Thank you),

Matthew Wesaw Tribal Council Chairman

## **GREETINGS FROM FOUR WINDS CASINOS**

Welcome to the 13th Four Winds Invitational. The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and its Four Winds Casinos are very pleased to continue our partnership with the LPGA's Epson Tour to bring this exciting tournament to South Bend again this year.

This year will mark the return of the Four Winds Invitational to South Bend Country Club for the fourth time, and we couldn't be more excited about the location. Not only did Golf Digest rank the South Bend Country Club as the fifthbest private course in Indiana, but it also hosts an annual U.S. open qualifying event and consistently provides golf enthusiasts with a unique experience.

When you're making your entertainment plans, we would love for you to visit Four Winds South Bend, which is a quick 10-minute drive from the South Bend Country Club. In addition to over 1,900 games, Four Winds South Bend features award-winning dining options. Guests can dine at one of six restaurants including Copper Rock Steakhouse with over 200 premium wines, Kankakee Grille which offers comfort foods with a modern twist, and Edgewater Café that features cuisine inspired by the sun and sea. Please join us for live entertainment every weekend at Kankakee Grille or Edgewater After Hours for the best local bands and DJs.

You can also take a short 30-minute drive to Four Winds New Buffalo for more slot action, dining options and weekend live entertainment. Also check out the upcoming entertainment at Four Winds New Buffalo's Silver Creek Event Center which includes The Fab Four on August 30.

When you're ready for a little relaxation, Four Winds New Buffalo has 415 luxurious hotel rooms and Four Winds South Bend boasts 317 beautiful rooms and suites and the tranquil Cedar Spa. Book your stay online at www.fourwindscasino.com, or call us at 866-4WINDS1 (866-494-6371).

We hope you enjoy all of the action of the Four Winds Invitational and Four Winds Casinos, and we look forward to seeing you soon.



Best Regards,

Mary Smith Chief Operating Officer Four Winds Casinos

## WELCOME FROM SOUTH BEND COUNTRY CLUB

South Bend Country Club welcomes everyone to the Four Winds Invitational. On behalf of our members, staff, and Board of Directors it is my pleasure to welcome the 2024 Four Winds Invitational and the LPGA Epson Tour to the South Bend Country Club

Our membership and staff are extremely excited for the opportunity to showcase the 7th highest ranking course in the state of Indiana. We are confident our golf course, clubhouse, player lockers, and other amenities along with a staff committed to excellence will provide a memorable experience for the players, volunteers, and spectators.

We are especially happy to partner with Four Winds Casinos to make this stop on the LPGA Epson tour special and rewarding with one of the largest purses on the tour at \$262,500. In addition, we are confident the synergies between Four Winds Casinos, their sponsors, the LPGA, and the South Bend Country Club will financially benefit our local community Beacon Children's Hospital with record proceeds from this annual golf event.

Thank you in advance to the many sponsors, volunteers, our staff, and Four Winds Casino for making this 2024 LPGA Epson Tour event a special event for these aspiring ladies.



Sincerely,

Stephen Studer President South Bend Country Club



## **SOUTH BEND COUNTRY CLUB: THE COURSE**



Since 1916, the South Bend Country Club has been challenging golfers and entertaining families. We have welcomed golfing greats such as Walter Hagen, Chick Evans, Harry Vardon, Gene Sarazen, Bryon Nelson, and Arnold Palmer. The 18-hole par 71 golf course was designed by Chicago based architect, George O'Neil. Over the years, South Bend Country Club has hosted events such as The Western Open, The Western Amateur, The Women's Western Amateur, and numerous Indiana state events. At 6,600 yards, South Bend Country Club is short, but do not let it fool you. It features bent grass tees, fairways, and greens, some of the quickest you will ever play. At the same time, you will also need to watch out for the lakes that come into play on numerous holes, as well as 52 strategically placed bunkers. Golfers of all skill enjoy South Bend Country Club and are captivated by the scenic views we have to offer.

## Par For The Course - Four Winds Invitational

Hole	Yardage	Par
1	320	4
2	325	4
3	424	4
4	167	3
5	513	5
6	456	4
7	465	5
8	363	4
9	298	4
	3331	37

Hole	Yardage	Par
10	204	3
11	343	4
12	495	5
13	427	4
14	422	4
15	140	3
16	388	4
17	195	3
18	485	5
	3099	35

## **EVENT SCHEDULE**

#### **MONDAY, AUGUST 26**

Four Winds® Invitational Boulevard Naming 10:30 a.m. | Downtown South Bend

#### **TUESDAY, AUGUST 27**

Meet the Players Dinner Party
By Invitation Only
Cocktails starting at 5pm, Dinner at 6pm
Ribbon Town Conference and Event Center
Four Winds South Bend

#### **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28**

Four Winds® Invitational Pro-Am 1
Registration at 6:30 a.m.
7:30 a.m. Shotgun Start | South Bend Country Club

#### Four Winds® Invitational Pro-Am 2

Registration at Noon 1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start | South Bend Country Club



#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 29**

Four Winds® Invitational Pro-Am 3
Registration at 10 a.m.
11:30 a.m. Shotgun Start | South Bend Country Club

Beacon Children's Hospital Visit by the Epson Tour Professionals 2:00 pm | Beacon Children's Hospital

Athletes Throwing Opening Pitch at South Bend Cubs Game
6:30 pm | Four Winds Field

#### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 30**

Opening Ceremonies, FWI Tournament 7:30 a.m. | South Bend Country Club Drum song and national anthem performed by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi

**Tournament - Round One** 8:00 a.m. Start | South Bend Country Club

VIP Hospitality Lounge Sponsored by Shive-Hattery Opens 11:00 a.m. | South Bend Country Club

#### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 31**

**Tournament - Round Two** 8:00 a.m. Start | South Bend Country Club

VIP Hospitality Lounge Sponsored by Shive-Hattery Opens 11:00 a.m. | South Bend Country Club

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

**Tournament - Final Round** 8:00 a.m. Start, Tees #1 and #10

VIP Hospitality Lounge Sponsored by Shive-Hattery Opens 10:00 am | South Bend Country Club

Four Winds® Invitational
Champion Check Presentation
At conclusion of tournament | South Bend Country Club

## **EPSON TOUR: ROAD TO THE LPGA**









The Epson Tour (formerly the Symetra Tour) is the official qualifying tour of the LPGA Tour and enters its 44th competitive season in 2024. With the support of entitlement partner Seiko Epson Corporation, the Tour's mission is 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 prize money to \$4.41 million awarded across 20+ events in 2022. With more than 600 graduates and alumnae moving on to the LPGA Tour, former Epson Tour players have won 459 LPGA titles.









## GOLF RESPONSIBILITIES & ETIQUETTE



#### FOR EVERY SPECTATOR

When you attend a golf tournament, there are some things you need to know. As stated on the back of your ticket, as a spectator you (1) assume all risk incidental to the game of golf and the holder's attendance at the tournament and related activities from known, unknown, obvious, or hidden conditions — including being struck by misdirected golf balls and falls on the course and surrounding areas and actions of third parties — and releases FGTA, LLC (d/b/a Epson Tour) and its affiliates; tournaments and their host sites; sponsors; host organizations; players; volunteers; and all agents thereof from all liability resulting from attendance at the tournament; (2) grant permission to FGTA, LLC to utilize the holder's likeness incidental to any promotion of FGTA, LLC in any form of media, now known or hereafter developed; (3) agree not to transmit or facilitate transmission of any description, picture, or reproduction of any FGTA, LLC event, including scoringrelated data, without the written permission of FGTA, LLC; (4) consent to the reasonable inspection of person and property for security purposes; (5) agree not to seek autographs of players during tournament rounds; and (6) agree to abide by all policies established by FGTA, LLC and the event and refrain from use of foul/abusive language or obscene gestures, or otherwise engage in inappropriate, disruptive, or illegal behavior, and that any violation related thereto may be cause for revocation of ticket and removal from the event. Prohibited items include cameras (allowed before competition days only), coolers, and firearms. Radios, signs, and pets are also prohibited. Also please observe any weather alerts posted in case of inclement weather.



#### **FOR YOUNG SPECTATORS**

Families are encouraged to bring their children to the tournament in the hopes of meeting one of the players. Epson Tour professionals are very approachable and happy to give autographs or have their pictures taken with fans. But please remember, the women golfers on the tour are working. We ask that you follow these guidelines when asking a player for an autograph.

- 1. When you enter the tournament grounds, find a pairing sheet, which will be located at the main gate. You can use the pairing sheet to find and follow your favorite players.
- 2. A player who starts on Hole #1 will finish on Hole #18, and a player who starts on Hole #10 will finish on Hole #9.
- 3. Each round generally takes 4 hours and 30 minutes. So if a player tees off #1 at 10:00 A.M., she will usually be finishing on Hole #18 around 2:30 P.M.
- 4. Please DO NOT approach player during her round. If a player tees off #1 at 10:00 A.M., and you see her coming off #9 at 12:15 P.M., please do not approach her. She is still in the middle of her competitive round and needs to concentrate on her game. She is not ignoring you; she is working and appreciates that you respect that.
- 5. It is inappropriate to approach golfers who are still on the course.
- 6. The best time to catch a player is when she is coming off her final hole of the day, either #9 or #18.
- 7. Another good time to approach a player is when she is leaving the scoring tent after she has turned in her scorecard for the day.
- 8. Please be polite and considerate when approaching the players especially if they are on the driving range or putting green. If a player is practicing before her round, this is not the best time to approach her. If a player is practicing after her round, this is a good time to approach her.
- 9. Have fun and bring something for the players to write with. A Sharpie or other permanent marker is best. Hats, programs, tickets, t-shirts, and pairing sheets are all excellent pieces for a player to sign.

## FOUR WINDS INVITATIONAL AN EPSON TOUR TOURNAMENT



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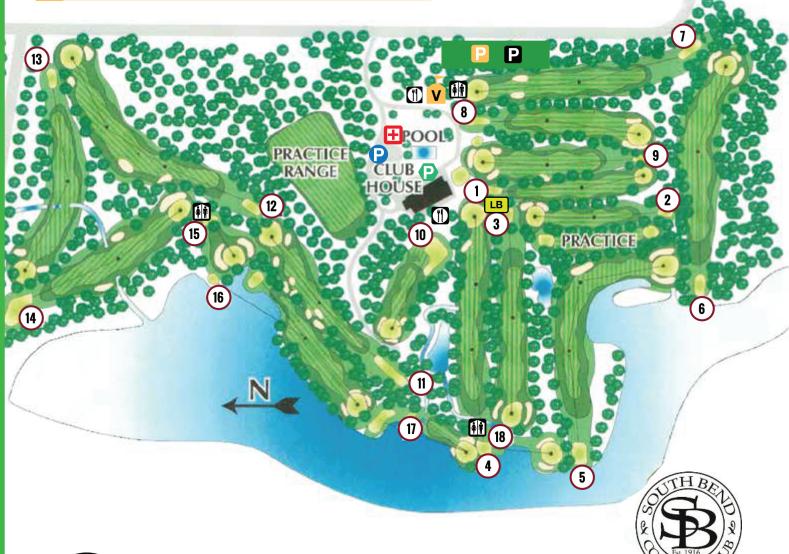
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Volunteer Tent

#### Located in the Clubhouse

- Restrooms
- **VIP Hospitality Lounge**
- Lower Level (Player locker rooms) Participants only





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## **2024 SPONSOR EXEMPTIONS**

Sponsor exemptions are a tradition at the annual Four Winds Invitational and are used to give amateurs and up-and-coming players the opportunity to play in tournaments and compete against professionals. To qualify for consideration, players must have a 4 handicap or better.

## **ANNABELLE PANCAKE**

Annabelle Pancake is from Zionsville, Indiana and is a graduate of Clemson University. She is the 2019 and 2021 Indiana Women's Amateur Champion. Her top tournament finishes include runner up at the 2023 Women's British Amateur and winning the 2024 Sea Island Amateur. More information on Annabelle can be found on her Instagram page @annabellepancake.





## **LAUREN BEAUDREAU**

Lauren Beaudreau is from Lemont, Illinois and recently graduated from the University of Notre Dame with a master's degree in business analytics. Lauren had three career collegiate wins with the largest and most recent coming at the NCAA regional at East Lansing in which she set the Notre Dame 54-hole scoring record at -12. She has also competed in eight USGA championships and will be making her second appearance in the Four Winds Invitational. More information on Lauren can be found on her Instagram page @lbeaudreau11.

## **GABBY LEMIEUX**

Gabby Lemieux is from Caldwell, Idaho and is a graduate of Texas Tech University. She is part of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribe and the first Native American to compete in the US. Women's Open in 2022. Her top tournament finishes include winning the Idaho Women's Amateur three times. She has also had three top-ten finishes on the Epson Tour. More information on Gabby can be found on her Instagram page @gabby\_lemieux.



GOOD LUCK, Annabelle, Lauren & Gabby!

## BENEFICIARY: BEACON CHILDRENS HOSPITAL





Great golf is exciting in itself, but when you pair it with helping to address a community need, it becomes even more rewarding. As the owners of Four Winds Casinos and title sponsor for the 13th annual Four Winds Invitational, in conjunction with the LPGA, we are pleased to share that close to \$1 Million has been donated to Beacon Children's Hospital over eleven years of the Four Winds Invitational.

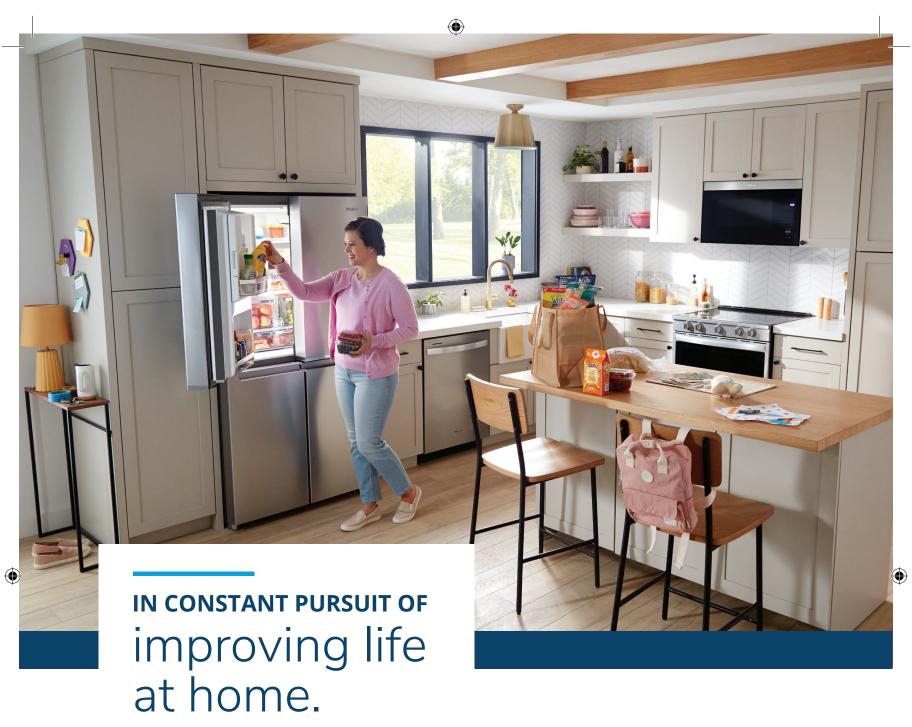
To date, proceeds from all associated events have helped purchase a pediatric ambulance and power-load system for Beacon Children's pediatric emergency transport; portable radios, an ultrasound machine and NICU flight incubator for MedFlight; giraffe warmers for the neonatal intensive care unit and construct the new home for Beacon Children's Hospital.

Funds raised from the 2024 Four Winds Invitational will help purchase 20 new feeding pumps for it's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The pumps used in the NICU are medial devices that deliver nutrition to patients who are unable to take breast milk or formula orally.

#### **About Beacon**

Beacon Children's Hospital is the region's only comprehensive children's hospital, treating children with a wide variety of medical and surgical diagnoses, from more than 31 referral hospitals throughout south western Michigan and northern Indiana. The hospital features extended family rooms, single family rooms, playrooms and teen hideout spaces for patients, Family Enrichment Centers, a rooftop garden, and a butterfly room for families grieving the loss of a child. It's world-class team includes pediatric hospitalists and intensivists, registered nurses, child life specialist, art therapist, music therapist, pediatric diabetic educators, pediatric dietitians, social workers, neonatologists, pediatric oncologist, respiratory therapist, clinical nurse specialist, and pastoral care. It also offers a Ronald McDonald Family Room for community families of seriously ill children.





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