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Southern California PGA and Monarch Beach Golf Links to Host Fundraiser Tournament benefiting PGA HOPE

ONTARIO, California (April 22, 2024) The Southern California PGA (SCPGA), in partnership with Monarch Beach Golf Links, is proud to host a fundraiser tournament benefiting PGA HOPE (Helping Our Patriots Everywhere) in Southern California. The event is scheduled to take place on Monday, May 13th, at Monarch Beach Golf Links, with proceeds directly supporting the expansion of SCPGA HOPE programming that provides services to Military members in the region.

The fundraiser tournament at Monarch Beach Golf Links presents an opportunity for golf enthusiasts to support a worthy cause while enjoying a day on the course. Participants can expect a day filled with camaraderie, competition, and the chance to make a meaningful impact in the lives of Veterans and Active Duty Military personnel.

Renowned for his multifaceted talents and acclaimed performances, actor Neal McDonough, celebrated for his portrayal in the iconic military drama "Band of Brothers," will be on-site as a celebrity VIP guest for the event. Since his compelling depiction of Lynn (Buck) Compton in the revered HBO series, McDonough has emerged as a fervent advocate for military service members and supports all causes related to both active duty and veteran personnel.

"The SCPGA is deeply committed to serving our military community, and events like our Monarch Beach Golf Links PGA HOPE fundraiser tournament exemplify the profound impact golf can have on the lives of Veterans and Active Duty Military personnel," said SCPGA President Eric Lohman, PGA, who serves as the General Manager at Monarch Beach.

PGA HOPE, the flagship military program of PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America, is dedicated to enhancing the physical, mental, social, and emotional well-being of Veterans and Active Duty Military personnel through the game of golf.

Over 25 facilities in the SCPGA Section are currently involved in the program which introduces golf through a developmental 6-8 week curriculum, led by PGA Professionals trained in adaptive golf techniques and military cultural competency. Thanks to funding provided by PGA REACH and supplemented by PGA Section Foundations through events like these, all programs are offered free of charge to Veterans, ensuring accessibility for all.

To date, the SCPGA has supported over 700 veterans and is on pace to provide over 1,000 lessons in 2024. To support this program, visit scpga.com/pga-hope, or for any questions contact Amberlynn Dorsey, PGA at adorsey@pgahq.com.

For more information about the fundraiser tournament or to register, please visit <https://scpga.bluegolf.com/bluegolf/scpga24/event/scpga2445/index.htm>. Members of the media who wish to attend this event may contact SCPGA Communications Director Bryce Seiver at bseiver@pgahq.com.

ABOUT MONARCH BEACH GOLF LINKS

Featuring stunning views of the Pacific Ocean on nearly every hole, the Monarch Beach Golf Links is a one-of-a-kind golf course in Dana Point in Orange County, CA. The 18-hole, par-70 championship resort golf course was designed by master golf architect Robert Trent Jones, Jr., and offers unending variety of play. It is one of a few handful of oceanfront golf courses in California, featuring tight fairways and firm greens. Elevate your experience with a Golf Board—which allow players the chance to navigate the links in a unique way, like a surfboard. Or reserve a professional waterman caddie, who can also serve as your personal golf concierge or surf buddy.

ABOUT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PGA

The Southern California Section was established in 1924, and today is comprised of nearly 1,700 golf Professionals working at over 500 facilities within the Section. The mission of the Southern California Section (SCPGA) is that Purpose of the PGA of America, to promote the enjoyment and involvement in the game of golf and to contribute to its growth by providing services to golf professionals and the golf industry. The SCPGA provides competitive playing opportunities, educational seminars, and growth of the game initiatives, within a geographic area that stretches from San Luis Obispo to the Tijuana Border, and from the Pacific Ocean to the Nevada and Arizona borders.

ABOUT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PGA FOUNDATION

The SCPGA created the Southern California PGA Foundation to develop and administer junior golf programs as well as an increasingly wide array of other community services throughout the Section. The Southern California PGA Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization and operates as a public foundation. The SCPGA Foundation is involved in and supports the growth of the game of golf through initiatives such as ClubsForeYouth®, PGA Jr. League, PGA HOPE, and SCPGA Grants & Scholarships programs.

ABOUT THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PGA JUNIOR TOUR

Established in 1948, the Southern California PGA now hosts one of the largest and most respected junior golf programs in the country. The SCPGA Junior Tour is a three-tiered program featuring the Toyota Tour Cup, the Players Tour and the Junior Development Tour. Together, these three tours administer over 400 tournaments annually for kids of all ages and skill levels. These events provide playing opportunities throughout Southern California, many of which are hosted by PGA facilities. The Junior Tour boasts countless alumni, including Max Homa, Tiger Woods, Patrick Cantlay, Rose Zhang, Lizette Salas, Rickie Fowler, Danielle Kang, Collin Morikawa, Sahith Theegala, Angel Yin, Xander Schauffele, and many more.