



Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic  
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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Volunteer Opportunities for the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic

Biloxi, Miss. (Feb. 11) – Volunteer applications are now available for the inaugural Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic to be held April 28-May 2 at the exclusive Fallen Oak just north of Biloxi, Miss.

More than 800 volunteers are needed to work on approximately 20 committees, including marshals, admissions, Golf Channel liaison, leaderboards, Pro-Am registration and transportation.

All volunteers are required to purchase the volunteer package for \$55 (a \$400 value) consisting of a tournament golf shirt and a ball cap or visor. In addition, each volunteer will be provided with a credential valid for admission each day of the tournament, plus five additional general admission tickets. This will allow volunteers to stay and watch golf when not working. Each volunteer will also receive a voucher for complimentary round of golf at Grand Bear, parking pass and complimentary food and beverage while volunteering. Additionally, volunteers will be invited to a special Thursday night volunteer appreciation party at the Hard Rock, and receive a coupon for a buffet dinner at the Beau Rivage. The volunteer commitment will be approximately 15 hours, or three shifts, during the course of the tournament.

Interested volunteers should visit [www.mississippigulfresortclassic.com](http://www.mississippigulfresortclassic.com) to apply. A full description of committee responsibilities is provided.

The MGRC is one of 26 official events on the Champions Tour for 2010, and favorites Hal Sutton, Loren Roberts, Bernhard Langer, Tom Kite, Hale Irwin, Jay Haas, Fuzzy Zoeller and Fred Funk are expected to compete for the \$1.6 million purse and a \$240,000 winner's share.

The tournament will be broadcast for 17½ hours by the Golf Channel and all charitable dollars raised will benefit Habitat for Humanity of the Gulf Coast.

"We are proud that our community has come together to make this happen," said Anthony Topazi, chairman of the MGRC Foundation, Inc. "As we continue to rebuild our lives in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina (2005), this tournament will showcase our region as a leading destination for golf, fishing and resort amenities. It deserves everyone's support."

Fallen Oak is the exclusive home course for the guests of the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino. The Tom Fazio-designed course, which was opened in 2006, has earned 12 national honors and is ranked the second best gaming resort course in the country.

For more information, contact Julie Finn, volunteer director, at (228) 896-6365.

#### About the Champions Tour

The Champions Tour is a tax-exempt membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older. Conceived in 1980 as the Senior PGA Tour, it started with just four events and purses totaling \$475,000.



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The Champions Tour conducted 25 official Charles Schwab Cup events offering \$48.9 million in prize money in 2009. The Champions Tour also generates significant monies for charity.

**About the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic**

This Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic is one of three new tournaments on the Champions Tour for 2010. It will be played April 28-May 2 at Fallen Oak. The tournament is uniquely funded by a dozen title sponsors, who see this event as an ideal way to showcase the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The tournament will be administered through the MGRC Foundation, Inc. The tournament will benefit Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Inc.