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Hale Irwin commits to play in The Principal Charity Classic

(WEST DES MOINES, Iowa) – Hale Irwin, the Champions Tour’s career money leader, has committed to play in The Principal Charity Classic June 5-10 at Glen Oaks Country Club in West Des Moines.

Since joining the Champions Tour in 1995, Irwin has 45 tournament victories and has won \$24,218,943. He currently ranks No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings with 791 points. He has six top-10 finishes in 10 events this year, including the 2007 MasterCard Championship at Hualalai title.

“We’re always happy when a player like Hale comes back to play in Des Moines,” said The Principal Charity Classic Tournament Director Jeff Starr. “We’ve got an excellent player commitment list and are continuing to bring quality players to central Iowa. ”

This is Irwin’s first return to Des Moines since 2003 when he tied for 10th place. Irwin was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1992. Irwin teamed with Jay Haas and Craig Stadler, who are both playing in this year’s Principal Charity Classic, to win the 2005 Wendy’s 3-Tour Challenge.

All six previous tournament champions will be returning to play Glen Oaks Country Club: Bob Gilder (2002), Tom Jenkins (2005), Gil Morgan (2007), Don Pooley (2003), Jim Thorpe (2001), and D.A. Weibring (2004).

Tickets for The Principal Charity Classic may be purchased at www.principalcharityclassic.com or by calling (515) 279-4653.

About The Principal Charity Classic

The Principal Charity Classic is an annual Champions Tour event played at Glen Oaks Country Club in West Des Moines. The Principal Charity Classic presented by Wells Fargo has an approach focused on charity and is designed “FORE Our Kids.” The following five outstanding organizations are dedicated to supporting children in the community and will receive the proceeds from the 2007 event: Blank Children’s Hospital, Bravo Greater Des Moines, Greater Des Moines Community Foundation, United Way of Central Iowa and Variety-The Children’s Charity.

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