



Reynolds Lake Oconee To Host LPGA Drive On Championship
Great Waters, recently renovated by Jack Nicklaus, will test the greatest female golfers in the world, Oct. 22-25, 2020



Great Waters (photo by Evan Schiller)

Greensboro, Ga. (Sept. 21, 2020) – [Reynolds Lake Oconee](#)—the award-winning resort community situated on 19,000-acre Lake Oconee located between Atlanta and Augusta—will host the LPGA Tour Drive On Championship at Reynolds Lake Oconee, October 22-25, 2020.

The four-day, official full-field event will feature a purse of \$1.3 million. Golf Channel will broadcast all four rounds with three hours of coverage each day.

The event will be played at Great Waters, one of six outstanding courses available to Reynolds Members and guests. Great Waters, which first opened in 1992, recently underwent an extensive renovation led by its designer, Jack Nicklaus. The completely rebuilt, modernized, and reconditioned course is a visually breathtaking test of championship golf along the Lake Oconee shoreline that looks almost exactly the way Nicklaus first designed it—but better.

“It is great that Reynolds Lake Oconee and Great Waters are stepping up to help the game of golf,” Nicklaus said. “The course we designed and opened 28 years ago was already very special, but after this latest renovation, I believe we added some polish to a gem. I think the ladies will absolutely love playing Great Waters. I think they will find it

a good test but a fair one. I hope the LPGA has a tremendous week there, and that the competitors enjoy the course and the hospitality.”

Reynolds stepped in to host the world’s best women golfers after the LPGA Tour was forced to change its fall schedule due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

“I am so excited to show these athletes and our global fans this incredible place that so many of us call ‘home,’” said Mike Whan, Commissioner of the LPGA Tour, who is also both a Member and resident of Reynolds Lake Oconee. “For me and my family, Reynolds is our escape. I come here to relax. I’m sure the LPGA players will quickly see why I choose to live here and will enjoy much that Reynolds has to offer even as they compete in this exciting new event.”

Great Waters has hosted many great players, at the professional, college, and junior levels. It was the site of the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf (now the WGC Accenture Match Play Championship) on the PGA Tour from 1995-97. And in 2014, Great Waters hosted the first-ever Big Break Invitational, a 72-hole tournament featuring a select field of 40 past Big Break participants, televised live on Golf Channel. Additionally, Great Waters continues to host the Linger Longer Invitational, an annual collegiate event.

There will be no spectators allowed. Golf Channel broadcast times will be announced soon.

For more information about Reynolds Lake Oconee, visit www.reynoldslakeoconee.com.

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About Reynolds Lake Oconee

Surrounded by more than 350 miles of majestic shoreline on Georgia’s historic Lake Oconee, the golf destination resort community of Reynolds Lake Oconee features six championship golf courses and is home to The Kingdom at Reynolds Lake Oconee, a world-class instructional and TaylorMade club fitting facility. Located between Atlanta and golf’s legendary grounds in Augusta, Reynolds Lake Oconee is an outdoor recreation paradise that includes the Sandy Creek Sporting Grounds, award-winning tennis center, swimming pools, pedestrian trails, wellness campus, and full-service marinas to facilitate watersports. Guests can choose private accommodations that include luxury resort condominiums and cottages, or The Ritz-Carlton Reynolds, Lake Oconee, a 257-room lakefront resort and spa named a 2016 AAA Five Diamond Lodging and 2015 Forbes Four-Star resort. Dining is available at ten distinctive culinary venues. Reynolds Lake Oconee, originally established in 1988, is located roughly 90 miles from Atlanta’s Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. For more information, visit www.reynoldslakeoconee.com.

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