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The Bear Golf Course Welcomes 102nd Michigan Open Championship

ACME, Mich., May 21, 2019 — The Michigan Open Championship, the state's most prestigious annual tournament, returns to The Bear at Grand Traverse Resort and Spa June 10–13. We invite you to come out and watch the 102nd Michigan Open to see golf history in the making!

Dates and Details for Spectators

- The tournament begins Monday, June 10, and ends Thursday, June 13, 2019.
- The tournament is open for public viewing at no charge.
- Spectators should follow standard golf course etiquette and dress codes.
- Results for the tournament will be posted [here](#) as scores are available.

About the Michigan Open Championship

The Michigan Open was first played in 1916 and won by Leo Diegel, who also played in the inaugural Ryder Cup matches and the first Masters Tournament in Augusta, GA. Many of golf's famous players have their names listed on the Michigan Open's James Standish Trophy, including Traverse City's own Scott Hebert, a six-time winner of the championship.

The 2019 championship is presented by Grand Traverse Resort & Casinos, Yamaha Golf Cars Plus, and Lake Trust Credit Union, with additional support from Pepsi and Traverse City Tourism. To learn more about the Michigan Open and the Michigan PGA, visit michiganpgagolf.com.

Tournament Details

The field is made up of the top Michigan PGA professionals, touring professionals who maintain residency in the state, and the top amateur players. The tournament is a 72-hole stroke play event. A tie for first place will be decided by a sudden death playoff immediately following the completion of the final round. Purse payout is for those who return a 72-hole score.

About The Bear

The Bear was home to the Michigan Open Championship from 1985 through 2008, then again in 2018, and is often described as one of the toughest golf courses in the state. It is an 18-hole, par 72 course which features terraced fairways, tiered greens, deep grassy roughs, and deep pot bunkers. A true test for even the finest golfers, The Bear plays to 7,078 yards from the championship tees. It has four lakes, ten holes with water hazards, and only one hole with no bunkers. The Bear is a signature design of Jack Nicklaus and opened on June 17, 1985.

Volunteering at the Michigan Open

The success of the Michigan Open is largely due to the volunteers who help make the event run smoothly providing services such as live tournament scoring, leaderboards, shuttle driving, spotting, score verification, and more. The Michigan PGA will be providing volunteer training meetings prior to the event. Volunteers will receive complimentary golf from the Resort and a hat from the Michigan PGA.

Those interested in volunteering should contact Kyle Oberstadt at koberstadt@gtresort.com or 231-534-6586.

For the Media

Press interested in covering the event should contact Jillian Manning at jmanning@gtresort.com. A limited number of golf cars are available for media use. The Resort is also offering a special room rate for out-of-town media coming to Traverse City for the tournament.

Media images are available [here](#).

About Grand Traverse Resort and Spa

Nestled among the freshwater beaches and hardwood forests of Traverse City, MI, Grand Traverse Resort and Spa is miles away from ordinary. Featuring nearly 600 guest rooms and 86,500 square feet of meeting space, the 900-acre property is one of Michigan's premier resort destinations. The Resort is also home to three championship golf courses, the renowned Spa Grand Traverse, and *Wine Spectator* Award of Excellence winner Aerie Restaurant & Lounge. Visit grandtraverseresort.com or call 800-236-1577 to learn more.