



Michael Bowhay Appointed to Monterey Peninsula Foundation Grant Committee

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Monterey, California --- Monterey Peninsula Foundation, host organization of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, announced that Michael Bowhay, general manager of Monterey Peninsula Country Club, has joined the foundation's grant committee.

Monterey Peninsula Foundation awards grants to a wide variety of charitable organizations from proceeds generated by the annual tournament. The Foundation's focus is on programs which benefit arts and culture, community and environment, education, health and human services, and youth. Monterey Peninsula Country Club's Shore Course will return to the course rotation for the 2010 AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, scheduled for the week of February 8 – 14.

"We are looking forward to working with Michael and the rest of the staff and membership at MPCC to continue to grow the great tradition of giving back to our community," states Ollie Nutt, president and CEO. "The AT&T has been supporting hundreds of nonprofit organizations for over 60 years and given the current environment, we feel an added responsibility to the many charities who are being severely impacted by the financial downturn."

Since the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am came to the Monterey Peninsula in 1947, over \$79 million has been raised for nonprofit organizations in Monterey County and surrounding communities. Further grants from proceeds of the 2009 tournament will be announced throughout the year. Information about the grant application process may be obtained through the Monterey Peninsula Foundation website: www.montereypeninsulafoundation.org.

Other members of the grant committee include John Anton, David Clark, Clay Larson, Laurel Lee-Alexander, Doug Mackenzie, Ollie Nutt, Mark Verbonich and Co-Chairs JB McIntosh and Dan Tibbitts.

In addition to the AT&T, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation also conducts the Walmart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach on the Champions Tour. This unique event pairs leading junior golfers from across the country with amateurs and the legends of golf. This year's tournament will be held August 31 – September 6, 2009 on Pebble Beach Golf Links and Del Monte Golf Course.

Proceeds from the Walmart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach will help fund The First Tee which is dedicated to impacting the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf. Information is available on the tournament website: www.thefirstteeopen.com.

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