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Youth Golfers to Take Over 2005 SBC Classic at the Los Angeles Daily News Junior Golf Clinic

Southern California Junior Golfers to Visit Tournament for Amazing Golf Exhibition

SANTA CLARITA, Calif., (March 3, 2005) - Move over Gil Morgan, here come the future winners of the SBC Classic. On Saturday, March 12, hundreds of junior golfers will descend on Valencia Country Club to participate in the Los Angeles Daily News Junior Golf Clinic in conjunction with the SBC Classic. Featuring a special golf skills exhibition by Chuck "The Hit Man" Hiter, the clinic will also provide junior golfers (along with their adult supervisors) free admission to the SBC Classic, free transportation to and from the clinic, an official golf cap, and even a free hot dog and drink. The clinic is open to youth participants (ages 7-17) and will take place from 4:30-5:00 p.m. at the club's Daily News driving range.

"The clinic provides future golfers with the opportunity to watch and learn from the pros in a fun and safe environment," said SBC Classic Tournament Director Peter deYoung. "Youth participants will be flat-out awestruck by the 'The Hit Man', and we hope that by providing free admission and some extra goodies, we will spark their interest in golf and, more importantly, reaching their personal goals."

With a background in professional golf and baseball, Chuck "The Hit Man" Hiter is known as the world's most exciting golf trick shot expert with a dazzling golf entertainment show that combines humor with incredible athleticism and balance. As a former touring golf professional, Hiter has three wins to his credit, and holds the Guinness Book World Record for distance and accuracy while hitting a golf ball out of mid air. "The Hit Man" brings his improbable and impressive tricks to all audiences and has made appearances on all the major TV networks, including CBS Sports, ABC Sports, Fox, The Golf Channel and ESPN.

Kids from the following Junior Golf Programs are invited to participate: the L.A. Junior Golf Young Golfers of America, Urban Youth Golf Association, Long Beach Junior Golf Academy; Carson Junior Golf Association, Western States Junior Golf Association, the Boys & Girls Club of the Santa Clarita Valley; and golf teams from the four local high schools in the Santa Clarita Valley.

Last year's tournament proved to be one of the most exciting Champions Tour events of 2004 as Gil Morgan spoiled Peter Jacobsen's Champions Tour debut by winning the SBC Classic for a third time. In the final round, after lipping out a 15-foot eagle putt on No. 9, Morgan tapped in for birdie and then reeled off birdies on the 10th and 11th holes to open

a five-stroke lead. Other past tournament champions include Tom Kite, Raymond Floyd, and Tom Purtzer.

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Also of special note is the participation of longtime PGA Tour standout and fan favorite Curtis Strange, who will be making one of his first Champions Tour appearances at the 2005 SBC Classic. Each day of the tournament will be aired on The Golf Channel.

Tickets to the SBC Classic are available for purchase through the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital Foundation at 661-253-8082 as well as via the Los Angeles County Junior Golf Foundation at 213-738-2972. Additionally, the tournament is inviting other charities and nonprofit organizations to join the “Champions for Charity” and “Charity Partners” programs, which provide organizations with the opportunity to utilize the SBC Classic to generate funds through the sale of tickets and corporate hospitality. For information regarding charity involvement, contact the SBC Classic at 661-260-1897.

To receive more information or schedule an interview with an SBC Classic spokesperson, please contact Formula at 310-578-7050.

About Valencia Country Club

Since its public opening in 1965, the Valencia Country Club has been recognized as one of Southern California's premier golfing venues. Featuring a masterful design by Robert Trent Jones, Sr., Valencia is perhaps best known for its pristine putting surfaces and traditional hole designs. Typifying the best of Jones' creations, Valencia offers unique rewards and penalties for players of all skill levels. From the complete novice to the most seasoned professional, Valencia has something to inspire anyone who may venture onto this piece of golf perfection. For additional information call 661-254-4401 or visit www.valenciagolfclub.com.

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