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**SBC CLASSIC TO HONOR NISSAN OPEN
RAIN OUT TICKETS**

Champions Tour Event to Offer Soaked Fans a Golf Tournament "Rain Check"

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. (February 23, 2005) - The SBC Classic today announced that it will honor all tickets from last week's rained out Nissan Open (held February 14-20 in Los Angeles) for fans to attend the upcoming SBC Classic. The 2005 SBC Classic, scheduled March 7-13 at the acclaimed Valencia Country Club in Santa Clarita, will feature a legendary group of golfers, including Craig Stadler, Raymond Floyd, Hale Irwin, and returning champion Gil Morgan (see attached roster list). The entire field is vying for a share of the tournament's \$1.55 million purse, including a first prize of \$232,500.

"Since Southern California golf enthusiasts have been pummeled by Mother Nature this year, we wanted to offer them a 'rain check' that gives them the opportunity to parlay their rained out tickets into a free experience to see some of the legends of the sport compete on a first class course at the SBC Classic," said SBC Classic Executive Director Brian Fitzgerald.

Consumers can bring their used or unused Nissan Open tickets to the Valencia Country Club from March 7-13 for admission to the 2005 SBC Classic.

Last year's tournament proved to be one of the most exciting Champions Tour events of 2004 as Gil Morgan, rebounding from a heartbreaking second-place finish in 2003, put on a clinic en route to cruising to the title. Other past tournament champions include Tom Kite, Raymond Floyd, and Tom Purtzer. 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.

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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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2005 SBC Classic Committed Players Roster

(Additions to be announced in the coming weeks)

Jim Albus	Bob Gilder	Jerry Pate
Isao Aoki	Hubert Green	Don Pooley
Hugh Baiocchi	Walter Hall	Dana Quigley
Andy Bean	John Harris	Don Reese
John Bland	Morris Hatalsky	Mike Reid
Jose Maria Canizares	Joe Inman	Bill Rogers
Charles Coody	Hale Irwin	Jay Sigel
Ben Crenshaw	John Jacobs	Des Smyth
Rodger Davis	Tom Jenkins	J.C. Snead
Terry Dill	Mark Johnson	Craig Stadler
Ed Dougherty	Wayne Levi	Dave Stockton
Dale Douglass	Bruce Lietzke	Curtis Strange
Allen Doyle	John Mahaffey	Ron Streck
R.W. Eaks	Graham Marsh	Mike Sullivan
Bob Eastwood	Gary McCord	Bruce Summerhays
David Eger	Mike McCullough	Doug Tewell
Dave Eichelberger	Mark McCumber	Leonard Thompson
Keith Fergus	Pat McGowan	Rocky Thompson
Vicente Fernandez	Tom McKnight	Jim Thorpe
Ed Fiori	Mark McNulty	Howard Twitty
Bruce Fleisher	Hajime Meshiai	Bobby Wadkins
Raymond Floyd	Gil Morgan	Lanny Wadkins
John Fought	Larry Nelson	Tom Wargo
Gibby Gilbert	Pete Oakley	D.A. Weibring

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