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Ninth annual Mesquite Amateur golf tournament expected to draw hundreds for play on six courses in 2011

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The Mesquite Amateur golf tournament enters its ninth year May 30-June 3 promising to attract hundreds of competitors from several states in what has become one of the top events of its kind in the country.

CONTACTS: To register via phone for the Mesquite Amateur, call Christian Adderson at 888-711-4653, ext. 51 or email cadderson@blackgaming.com. All that may be missing is you and if that's the case, visit the web site at www.mesquiteamteur.com.

Presented by the Golf Mesquite Nevada and Mesquite Resort Association, the event is open to all amateur golfers who have a current USGA (or equivalent golf association) handicap index as of the close of entries.

The Mesquite Amateur will be played at six courses including the CasaBlanca, The Palms, The Chase at Coyote Springs, Falcon Ridge, The Canyons at the Oasis and the Palmer at the Oasis.

The 2010 Mesquite Amateur was captured by Salt Lake City competitor and Fed Ex driver Chad Young who fired a championship round net 64 to wrap up the title at the CasaBlanca Golf Club.

The top female in last year's tournament was Naarah Turpen, a resident of Tucson, Ariz., who fired a net 65 in the championship round.

Golfers continue to travel long distances to compete in the Mesquite Amateur. When Young wrapped up his championship last year, he probably spoke for many others who love the event.

"There are a lot of things that bring me back," said Young, who has competed in every one of the tournaments. "The people you meet here are fantastic and so are the volunteers."

Young and his wife, Holly, compete in couples tournaments several times a year.

The Mesquite Amateur is the second largest golf tournament in the country behind the World Am in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Among the others who would not miss the event is Pensacola, Fla., resident Peach Waller, who will travel 1,956 miles to participate in the tournament.

The Mesquite Amateur has been the high point of Waller's golfing year for the past five years.

"The first time I heard about the Mesquite Amateur I was in Myrtle Beach, S.C. playing in the World Am," recalls the 61 year-old Waller, who earned a degree in radio-TV-film from the University of Georgia in 1971. "We were sitting around having a beer after the day's round and some of the guys were talking about how much fun the desert was. I asked somebody what was so good about Mesquite and they told you don't have to pack your umbrella, your rain gear and there is

not a hurricane sitting off the coast of Nevada threatening to cancel the tournament.”

Key to the success of the Mesquite Amateur is the many activities that accompany the gathering.

Nightly gatherings are presented in the CasaBlanca Event Center where the food, refreshments and film of each day’s golf keeps everyone enlightened.

The Mesquite Amateur has grown to become one of the largest of its kind in the country. A long list of related guest activities this year will include a Mediterranean mix off with Bruschetta and Bellini; a spa luncheon; the crowd favorite wine tasting at Katherine’s Steakhouse; the annual no-limit Texas Hold Em poker tournament at the Eureka Resort; and the “Cigars Under the Stars” at the CasaBlanca swimming pool