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Celebration Golf Club Tabbed to Host 2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt National Championships *104 Junior Golfers to Compete for National Title*

ORLANDO, Fla., (Sept. 28, 2006) – The Golf Channel announced today that Celebration Golf Club near Orlando has been selected to host the *2006 Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt National Championships presented by The Golf Channel*, Oct. 19 – 21. Mutual of Omaha and The Golf Channel will welcome 104 junior golfers and their families from throughout North America for the 2006 national championships.

“The national championships are a great way to celebrate the achievements of our outstanding junior golf programs throughout the country,” said David Manougian, chief executive officer for The Golf Channel. “We look forward to providing our national championships participants with a memorable experience they will cherish for years to come.”

Ranked 4-1/2 stars in the Golf Digest “Best Places to Play” in the 2006 – 2007 edition, Celebration Golf Club was designed by world-renowned father - son team of Robert Trent Jones and Robert Trent Jones, Jr. Celebration GC is home to the Robert Gamez Invitational benefiting the Robert Gamez Foundation, and has also hosted national tournaments including the USGA Senior Open and USGA Senior Amateur Qualifiers, the Florida State Public Links Championship and the Buick Scramble National Championships.

“We are honored to host the Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip and Putt National Championships,” said Gene Garrote, general manager for Celebration Golf Club. “We are excited and look forward to showcasing our first-class facilities to junior golfers and their families in October.”

The 2006 national championships will take place on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 9 a.m. ET. The event will be comprised of four age divisions (7-8, 9-10, 11-12 and 13-14), with each participant competing in three events: driving, chipping and putting. Scoring for the event will be as follows:

Driving: Each competitor will hit two drives measured for distance and accuracy. Scores will consist of the longer ball that remains within the set boundaries.

Chipping: Each competitor will chip three balls onto a green pre-marked with concentric circles. Balls that land in the innermost circles will score the highest points, with bonus points awarded for any chip that goes in the cup.

Putting: Each competitor will putt two balls – one seven feet and the other 20 feet. The objective will be to sink the putts in as few strokes as possible, with a maximum of four putts per ball.

Following the conclusion of the national championships, The Golf Channel's Tina Mickelson will host the awards ceremony at Celebration GC, where she will personally present the trophies to the national champions in each age group.

An hour-long national championships highlight show is scheduled to air on Nov. 23 (Thanksgiving Day) at 12:30 p.m. ET, on The Golf Channel.

All participants qualified to compete in the national championships via finishing in the top three in their respective age groups at one of 100 local championships, followed by taking first-place honors at one of the 25 regional championships in the summer months.

National Championships weekend will kickoff with the Robert Gamez Foundation Nine Hole Invitational and the Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt Second Chance Competition on Thursday, Oct. 19. All regional championship participants will have the opportunity join in the festivities and compete in this second chance event to determine the final four spots of the national championships field.

The world's largest junior golf program of its kind, *Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip & Putt* provides a free, fun and friendly opportunity for junior golfers to compete, develop and test their golf skills. With the help of Delta Apparel, Rixstine Recognition, Ping and Service by Air, The Golf Channel introduced the game of golf to more than 35,000 junior golfers this year through the *Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip and Putt* program, visiting 100 cities throughout North America. For complete information on the *Mutual of Omaha Drive, Chip and Putt National Championships*, please visit www.thegolfchannel.com.

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