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LOCAL PGA PROFESSIONAL DAVE LONG RECEIVES SPONSOR EXEMPTION FOR 2008 MELWOOD PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY OPEN

UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND- Melwood, a non-profit social service agency and host organization for the Nationwide Tour's Prince George's County Open, announced today it has granted a sponsor exemption to Dave Long, PGA Director of Golf at the Country Club at Woodmore in Mitchellville, MD. Melwood receives approximately 100 requests each year for two available exemptions to the annual Tour event, which will be held at Woodmore, the week of May 19-25, 2008.

"Dave's presence in the field at the Melwood Prince George's County Open is a great opportunity for one of Woodmore's own to compete against some of the best players in the world," said Tournament Director Teo Sodeman. "His participation will build a great deal of excitement among the members at the Club and golfers all around the region."

The purse for the 2008 Prince George's County Open will be \$650,000. Melwood Horticultural Training Center will continue to serve as the host organization and charitable recipient of the event.

"This really is a PGA Professional's dream," said Long. "To have the chance to compete against players of this caliber at my home course in front of all my friends, family and Woodmore members is going to be incredibly exciting. I am so grateful to Melwood for this opportunity."

Long, who will be competing in his first Nationwide Tour event, also will compete in this year's PGA Professional National Championship in June at Reynolds Plantation in Georgia. He qualified for the event by finishing 6th at the Middle Atlantic Section Professional Championship last year.

The Woodmore course is currently ranked #8 in Maryland by *Golf Digest* in their "Best in State" rankings, and is among the favorite courses of the Nationwide Tour players.

ABOUT MELWOOD

Melwood Horticultural Training Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving more than 2,100 people with disabilities with job training, employment, housing and recreation in the Washington D.C. area. Melwood employees support more than 65 contracts made possible by the AbilityOne Program, which encourages federal agencies to contract with approved, qualified organizations that provide job training and employment opportunities for people with disabilities. This federal effort is emphasized by the fact that 62 percent of Americans with severe disabilities are unemployed. For additional information about Melwood capabilities and services for people with disabilities, call Melwood at (301) 599-8000, or visit www.melwood.org.

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ABOUT NATIONWIDE TOUR

Part of the PGA TOUR family, the Nationwide Tour was launched in 1990 and sends its 25 leading money winners to the PGA TOUR each year. Nationwide is currently in its fifth year as the umbrella sponsor of this tour and has an agreement with the Tour through 2012. The PGA TOUR is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL and its website is www.pgatour.com.

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