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2009 Melwood Prince George's County Open to be Televised Worldwide
New Tournament Dates Announced

UPPER MARLBORO, MARYLAND (September 8, 2008) - Melwood Prince George's County Open Tournament Director Teo Sodeman announced today that the 2009 tournament will be televised worldwide on the Golf Channel, and will now be played June 1-7, 2009.

"As we continue to grow this community event, the addition of Golf Channel coverage will prove to be an incredible benefit for Melwood and our sponsors to receive worldwide recognition" said Sodeman, who operates the Washington, D.C./Baltimore region's annual Nationwide Tour event.

The Melwood Prince George's County Open is one of only 16 Nationwide Tour events to be televised in 2009. The Golf Channel will carry live coverage of all four rounds of the event, which will again be held at the Country Club at Woodmore in Mitchellville, Maryland and feature 156 professional golfers competing for a \$675,000 purse with the champion collecting \$121,500.

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Now in its third year, the Melwood Prince George's County Open will be played the week after the Memorial Day holiday. The new tournament dates are June 1-7, 2009.

"As we no longer compete with Memorial Day, we can also expect a significant increase in spectator attendance" at the event, said Sodeman.

More than just a professional golf tournament, the Melwood Prince George's County Open is a week-long community event featuring a high school tournament and junior clinic, multiple Pro-Am events, a private sponsor's party at Six Flags America, and various social events. The event benefits Melwood, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit serving more than 2,100 people with disabilities with job training, employment, community living and recreation in the Washington D.C. area.

For information on tickets, corporate sponsorship and hospitality opportunities, schedule of activities and more, please contact the Tournament Office at (301) 599-2732 or visit www.melwoodgolf.org.

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

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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.

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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