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ANNIKA SORENSTAM TO HOST THE 2012 ALLIANZ CHAMPIONSHIP EXECUTIVE WOMEN'S PRO-AM

Boca Raton, FL – Getting the ladies into the swing of championship golf, LPGA legend with 72 LPGA victories and eight-time “player of the year” awards, Annika Sorenstam will give expert golf tips at the start of the second annual Allianz Championship Executive Women’s Pro-Am on Tuesday, February 7th at the Old Course at Broken Sound.

“We are delighted to feature Annika this year at our popular Executive Women’s Pro-Am as she was one of the most dominant players in women’s golf,” said Ryan Dillon, Tournament Director of the Allianz Championship.

The Executive Women’s Pro-Am offers women the opportunity to participate in a golf and business networking experience like no other while giving all skill sets a chance to play nine holes with a PGA Champions Tour player. The fun-filled day includes a private group clinic with Sorenstam presented by JM Lexus that follows a continental breakfast with an “up close and personal” Q&A session with her and a shotgun start at the conclusion of her clinic.

Annika is the first woman in LPGA history to cross the \$20 million mark in career earnings, having won \$22,573,192. On March 16th, 2001 she played the lowest round in LPGA Tour history at the Standard Register Ping shooting a 13 under 59. Out of her 72 LPGA victories, 10 were majors including multiple wins at the U.S. Women’s Open, the McDonald’s LPGA Championship and the Kraft Nabisco Championship. Sorenstam was recently selected as the recipient of the United States Golf Association’s 2012 Bob Jones Award, the USGA’s highest honor that has been presented annually since 1955 in recognition of distinguished sportsmanship in golf. The award will be presented just a few days before the Allianz Championship’s Executive Women’s Pro-Am on February 4th at the USGA’s Annual Meeting in recognition of a person who emulates Jones’ spirit, his personal qualities and his attitude toward the game and its players.

The Allianz Championship is being held for the sixth consecutive year at The Old Course at Broken Sound in Boca Raton and defending champion Tom Lehman is set to defend his title. Again this year, the Boca Raton Regional Hospital is the beneficiary of the Allianz Championship. The tournament is managed by Pro Links Sports, directing five Champions Tour events on the 2012 schedule, all are continuously voted in the top ten tournaments on the Champions Tour by the players. This reputation has attracted the top 31 of 34 professionals on the money list to Boca Raton along with the golfing legends that are engraved in all our minds. The Allianz Life Insurance Company has been the title sponsor of this tournament since its beginning.

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Allianz Life is pleased to partner with the PGA Tour to bring the 2012 Allianz Championship to Boca Raton. As a title sponsor of the Champions Tour since 2001, we celebrate our relationship with the Florida golf and financial services communities.

According to *The Changing Definition of Retirement*, Americans over the age of 50 have a whopping 77% of the country's wealth. Not surprisingly, this group also has a keen interest in golf. The Allianz Championship is a great opportunity to promote the importance of maintaining a robust retirement income strategy, especially in these volatile times.