



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

THE POKAGON BAND AND ITS FOUR WINDS CASINOS ANNOUNCE DETAILS FOR THE 2022 FOUR WINDS INVITATIONAL

11th Annual Tournament will be held at South Bend Country Club, August 12 - 14

SOUTH BEND, Ind. – April 28, 2022 – The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and its Four Winds® Casinos are pleased to announce that the 2022 Four Winds Invitational will be held at South Bend Country Club from Friday, August 12 through Sunday, August 14. The Four Winds Invitational is part of the Epson Tour, which enters its 42nd year of structured competition in 2022 and is the most established women’s qualifying tour in the world as the one “Road to the LPGA.”

“We are very pleased to once again partner with South Bend Country Club for the 11th edition of the Four Winds Invitational,” said Rebecca Richards, Tribal Chairwoman of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians. “2021 was the first year that the tournament was held at South Bend Country Club and everyone was very impressed with the course and its facilities. Not only did *Golf Digest* rank South Bend Country Club as the fifth-best private course in Indiana, but it also hosts an annual U.S. Open qualifier. We believe our partnership with South Bend Country Club, along with new tour sponsor Epson, will help make the 2022 Four Winds Invitational our best tournament yet!”

“We’d like to thank South Bend Country Club for their efforts as we continue our partnership for the second year,” said Frank Freedman, Chief Operating Officer of Four Winds Casinos. “We’d also like to thank all of the tournament sponsors as well as the LPGA for their support of the Four Winds Invitational over the last 10 years. The previous tournaments have been a great success and attracted fans throughout the region. We have offered over \$1.2 million in prize money to date and are very excited that this year’s Four Winds Invitational will offer a \$200,000 purse.”

Duke Downey, CEO of South Bend Country Club, added, “We are very proud to once again be selected by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi and its Four Winds Casinos to host the 2022 Four Winds Invitational. We are excited to welcome the future generation of rising LPGA stars and showcase what our award-winning golf course has to offer. I would also like to thank the members of South Bend Country Club for their support of the players during tournament week.”

About the Four Winds Invitational

The Four Winds® Invitational was established in 2012 as part of the Road to the LPGA®, and is sponsored by the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians and its Four Winds® Casinos. The tournament features a field of professional women golfers from around the world. More information is available at:

<http://fourwindsinvitational.com/>.

About The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indians of Michigan and Indiana

The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi's sovereignty was reaffirmed under legislation signed into law by President Clinton in September of 1994. The Pokagon Band is dedicated to providing community development initiatives such as housing, education, family services, medical care and cultural preservation for its more than 5,900 citizens. The Pokagon Band's ten-county service area includes four counties in Southwestern Michigan and six in Northern Indiana. Its main administrative offices are located in Dowagiac, Mich., with a satellite office in South Bend, Ind. In 2007, it opened Four Winds Casino Resort in New Buffalo, Mich., followed by Four Winds Hartford in 2011, Four Winds Dowagiac in 2013 and Four Winds South Bend in January 2018. The Pokagon Band operates a variety of businesses via Mno-Bmadsen, its non-gaming investment enterprise. More information is available at www.pokagonband-nsn.gov, www.fourwindscasino.com and www.mno-bmadsen.com

About the Epson Tour

The Epson Tour (formerly the Symetra Tour) is the official qualifying tour of the LPGA Tour and enters its 42nd competitive season in 2022. With the support of entitlement partner Seiko Epson Corporation, the Tour's mission is to prepare the world's best female professional golfers for a successful career on the LPGA Tour. In the last decade, the Epson Tour has grown from 15 tournaments and \$1.6 million in prize money to \$4.41 million awarded across 20+ events in 2022. With more than 600 graduates and alumnae moving on to the LPGA Tour, former Epson Tour players have won 459 LPGA titles.

Follow the Epson Tour at www.epson.com, as well as [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/epson), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/epson) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/epson).

About Epson

Epson is a global technology leader dedicated to co-creating sustainability and enriching communities by leveraging its efficient, compact, and precision technologies and digital technologies to connect people, things, and information. The company is focused on solving societal issues through innovations in home and office printing, commercial and industrial printing, manufacturing, visual and lifestyle. Epson's goal is to become carbon negative and eliminate use of exhaustible underground resources such as oil and metal by 2050.

Led by the Japan-based Seiko Epson Corporation, the worldwide Epson Group generates annual sales of around JPY 1 trillion. Epson America, Inc., based in Los Alamitos, Calif., is Epson's regional headquarters for the U.S., Canada, and Latin America. To learn more about Epson, please visit: epson.com. You may also connect with Epson America on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/epson), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/epson), [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/epson), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/epson).

###

Media Contact:

David Gutierrez, for the Pokagon Band and its Four Winds Casinos, (312) 780-7204, dgutierrez@dresnerco.com