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### **ESPN Announces 2008 National Golf Challenge Winners; Callaway Golf Extends its Support through 2009**

LAS VEGAS – The winners of the ESPN National Golf Challenge presented by Callaway Golf were announced Sunday, Oct. 26, at the Paiute Golf Resort. In the Club Pro Division, the Finals came down to the wire, with Eric Cobb of Ingleside Resort in Virginia carding a final-round 67 to claim first place. Phil Schmitt of the Bluffs Country Club in Louisiana and Tyler Sweet of Sunland Golf CC in Washington rounded out the top three finishers. Complete scores and payouts for the Pro Division can be found below as well as on the event's Web site: [espngolf.com](http://espngolf.com).

"We are very pleased with the growth and success of the ESPN National Golf Challenge," said Chris Turner, senior director, programming and events, ESPN Regional Television. "We are especially thrilled to have the continued support of a premier brand like Callaway Golf."

The team of Spencer Page and Tobin Scott from Granite Bay Golf Club in California earned first-place honors in the Gross Division, recording a combined score of 131 and the title of "America's Best 2-Some." Bill Brown and John Mallonee from Sandridge Golf Club in Florida earned the "America's Best 2-Some" prize in the Net Division.

Created in 2002, ESPN's National Golf Challenge presented by Callaway Golf started with more than 120 golf facilities registered as inaugural host sites. Winning teams representing each site were invited to the first National Finals at Lost Canyons GC in Simi Valley, Calif. The success of the initial effort resulted in the restructuring of the event to include about 500 golf courses across the United States.

Because of the success at the local level, the ESPN National Golf Challenge Club Pro Tournament was created in 2006.

"The excitement of Las Vegas provides a wonderful backdrop for the National Finals," Turner said, "and Treasure Island and the Paiute Golf Resort are first-class venues to play host to the 250 participants in the Gross, Net and Club Pro Divisions."

Local courses can begin registering today for next year's event.

For more information on the ESPN National Golf Challenge, visit [espngolf.com](http://espngolf.com) or [espnplus.com](http://espnplus.com)

**ESPN's National Golf Challenge presented by Callaway Golf:**

Club Pro Division	Amateur Gross Division	Amateur Net Division
Eric Cobb Ingleside Resort Verona, VA \$10,000	Spencer Page/Tobin Scott Granite Bay GC Granite Bay, CA 65-66/131	Bill Brown/John Mallonee Sandridge GC Vero Beach, FL 64-63/127
Phil Schmidt The Bluffs CC Baton Rouge, LA \$7,500	Michael Moore/Brad Sondecker Diamond Valley GC Hemet, CA 67-66/133	Chris Von Der Linden/Matt Curtis Governors Run GC Carlyle, IL 65-63/128
Tyler Sweet 70-70/140 Sunland Golf CC Sequim, WA \$6,000	Bryan Hoops/Tim Duffey Trilogy Golf Club at Vistancia Peoria, CO 66-68/134	Jeff Vine/Tim Neuberger The Oaks GC Cottage Grove, WI 65-67/132

### ESPN Regional Television/Event Ownership

The nation's largest syndicator of collegiate sports programming, **ESPN Regional Television (ERT)** annually produces more than 900 sporting events. Programming includes football, basketball, NCAA events, golf and NHRA events accounting for more than 2,200 live and/or original hours of programming. In addition to event ownership, ERT is the production headquarters for **ESPNU**, the 24-hour college sports network; syndication rights-holder and producer of national, regional and local shows for college conferences (e.g. – **BIG EAST**, **Big 12**, **Mid-American**, **Sun Belt**, **WAC**).

ESPN Regional Television markets and/or owns several other sporting events, including collegiate football events: the **St. Petersburg Bowl**; the **Papajohns.com Bowl**; the Bell Helicopter **Armed Forces Bowl**; the **Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl**; the **Pioneer Las Vegas Bowl**, the **New Mexico Bowl**; the **MEAC/SWAC Challenge**; and The **Home Depot ESPNU College Football Awards**; collegiate basketball events: the **76 Classic** (Anaheim, Calif.); the **Charleston Classic** (S.C.); the **O'Reilly Auto Parts All-College Classic** (Oklahoma City); the **Old Spice Classic** (Orlando, Fla.); the **SEC/BIG EAST Invitational**; the **O'Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off** (San Juan); and the **O'Reilly ESPNU BracketBusters**; as well as the **ESPN National Golf Challenge** presented by Callaway. For more information, visit [www.espnplus.com](http://www.espnplus.com).

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