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World Long Drive Championship returns to WinStar World Casino and Resort Golf Course

Competitors advance from WinStar regional event

THACKERVILLE – WinStar World Casino and Resort officials are pleased to announce the return of the World Long Drive Championship for a second consecutive year to the WinStar World Resort Golf Course.

The World Long Drive Championship is set for Oct. 6-12. In addition, WinStar hosted World Long Drive qualifying events in May.

This will be the second year for WinStar to host the globally televised World Long Drive Championship. WinStar General Manager Wayne McCormick said he is looking forward to showcasing the WinStar World Resort Golf Course and Golf Academy.

"This is a great opportunity to present the WinStar golf facilities to world-class athletes and golf fans around the globe," McCormick said. "The events are a culmination of a working partnership with the Golf Channel and Long Drivers of America."

The Golf Channel recently released the schedule for the 2016 World Long Drive season. Six dedicated long drive weekend qualifying events are scheduled to take place for Open and Masters Division competitors. The first qualifying event was held at WinStar May 12-14.

Each regional qualifier will award three Open Division and two Masters Division competitors a spot in the 2016 World Long Drive Championship. The competitors who advanced from the WinStar event in the Open Division are Ryan Reisbeck, Troy Teal, and Eddie Fernandes. Fernandes also competed in the Masters Division and advances in that competition.

Other qualifying events and locations are: Bull's Classic at Tillery Tradition Country Club, Mt. Gilead, North Carolina; Tennessee Shootout at Graysburg Hills Golf Course, Greenville, Tennessee; Bluff City Shootout at Golf and Games Family Park, Memphis, Tennessee; Rockwell Blast at Lakeside Golf Course, West Bountiful, Utah; Mile High Shootout at Park Hill Golf Club, Denver. Media contact: Jennifer Klutinis-Pierce

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