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**LPGA LEGEND AND EIGHT-TIME “PLAYER OF THE YEAR” ANNIKA SORENSTAM
TO HEADLINE WOMEN’S GOLF CLINIC AT
ALLIANZ CHAMPIONSHIP EXECUTIVE WOMEN’S PRO-AM
TO BENEFIT BOCA RATON REGIONAL HOSPITAL**

BOCA RATON, FL (November 7, 2011) -- Getting the ladies into the swing of championship golf, LPGA legend with 72 LPGA victories and eight-time “player of the year” Annika Sorenstam (www.annikasorenstam.com) will give 36 executive women (nine foursomes) 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 Club at 10:30 a.m. The women’s tournament is part of the 2012 Allianz Championship, a celebrated week-long PGA Champions Tour event, the first full-field event of the season that brings the legendary champions of golf to Boca Raton to vie for a \$1.8 million purse.

Chipping in net proceeds to benefit Boca Raton Regional Hospital, 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. Registration is \$750 per player, and includes Pro-Am gift package, two invites to VIP Draw Party where awards will be presented for the women’s back nine play, and two VIP Partners Club Tickets.

“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,” noted Allianz Championship Tournament Director Ryan Dillon. “In addition to a great ‘ladies day’ on the course, participants will enjoy a rare opportunity to learn from and get to know one of LPGA’s storied champions who has rewritten the LPGA and Ladies European Tour record books, won countless awards and events, and brought unprecedented attention to women’s golf.” He added that 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.

Sorenstam’s success has changed how women’s golf is played, covered and viewed, and in her rise to mainstream athlete and celebrity, she has had a positive impact on all women’s sports. She was born in Stockholm, Sweden on October 9, 1970 and began playing golf at the age of 12; her sister Charlotte also plays on the LPGA Tour.

Dillon said he expects with Sorenstam being part of the tournament’s experience this year and only 36 openings available, this year’s Executive Women’s Pro-Am will sell out quickly and encourages those interested to register early. To purchase foursomes and individual tickets, contact Anthony Greco at agreco@allianzchampionship.com or 561-241-GOLF (4653).

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The week-long sixth annual Allianz Championship schedule of events includes three days of championship play from Friday through Sunday, Feb. 10-12, 2012 plus the second Annual Executive Women's Pro-Am on Tuesday, Feb. 7th with an Executive Pro-Am Pairings Party that evening; two days of Executive Pro-Am play on Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 8th and 9th; a third annual "Grapes On The Green" Golf & Wine Experience Presented by the Boca Raton Bridge Hotel held during the second day of championship play, Friday, Feb. 11th; and Family Day on Sunday, Feb. 12th, the closing day of tournament play. The second annual Allianz Championship "Birdies Fore Charity" fundraising program through which any participating nonprofit organizations solicit pledges from supporters based on the number of birdies made by PGA Champions Tour players during the three-day championship play.

The Allianz Championship, with free general admission on all three championship play days generously underwritten by sponsors JM Lexus, the City of Boca Raton and Allianz Life, as well as its Women's Executive Pro-Am will be held on The Old Course at Broken Sound Club, located at 1401 NW 51st Street, (Yamato Road), Boca Raton, FL 33431. For more information On the Allianz Championship that runs from Feb. 6-12, 2012, tournament events, VIP and skybox tickets, Pro-Am opportunities, sponsorships and player roster, visit www.allianzchampionship.com or call 561-241-GOLF (4653).

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