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## **NORTHWEST ARKANSAS LPGA EVENT ANNOUNCES SEPTEMBER DATE, INCREASED PURSE FOR 2010**

**ROGERS, AR** – Tournament officials for the LPGA event in Northwest Arkansas have announced that the 2010 event will take place Monday, September 6 through Sunday, September 12 at Pinnacle Country Club, with the 54-hole tournament championship taking place Friday through Sunday, September 10 – 12.

Officials also announced that the total purse for the 2010 event, officially named the P&G NW Arkansas Championship presented by Walmart, will be increased by \$200,000 to \$2 million in total. The first place prize in 2010 will be \$300,000. The purse in the P&G NW Arkansas Championship has increased every year since the first event in 2007.

This is the third straight year that P&G has served as title sponsor of the Northwest Arkansas LPGA event, and in 2010 Walmart is increasing its sponsorship to become “presenting sponsor.”

“Northwest Arkansas continues to embrace our event, as underscored by the strong support from P&G, Walmart and many other sponsors,” said Jay Allen, Tournament Chairman. “The ongoing support of our sponsors and the whole community enables us to improve our tournament in all aspects every year, and increasing our purse to \$2 million ensures that the best players in the world will be in Northwest Arkansas for our event in September 2010.”

“Our goal from the beginning was to become one of the truly top tier events on the LPGA Tour and for Northwest Arkansas,” said Jeff Schomburger, P&G’s President of Customer Business Development in the company’s Fayetteville office. “As we approach our fourth year we are certainly on that track.”

For complete information on the tournament visit [www.pgbeautytournament.com](http://www.pgbeautytournament.com).

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