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PGA legend Billy Casper to attend Golf for Kids Outing at Orchard Valley

AURORA – Legendary PGA golfer Billy Casper will join local golfers on June 28 at Orchard Valley Golf Course in support of the 16th annual Golf for Kids Benefit Outing, a perennial fundraiser hosted by the Fox Valley Park District to aid deserving youth golfers.

Casper, who was nominated to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1978, will sign autographed photos from 3 to 7 p.m. at Orchard Valley and “show the line” for golfers competing in a post-round putting contest.

“I’m very excited to visit,” said Casper, who resides in San Diego. “As a long-time advocate for junior golf, I always enjoy the opportunity to be involved in helping support kids.”

The Golf for Kids Benefit Outing supports The First Tee of Aurora and Fox River Valley, which funds scholarships that provide golfing opportunities for area children.

“Our mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf,” said First Tee general manager Dan Abella.

Players may register individually or as a group. Registration fee is \$175 per player and includes a tee gift (a golf wind shirt and Nike Club duffle bag with logo – total value \$120), green fees with cart for 18 holes, lunch and dinner at Orchards Restaurant, door prizes, raffle prizes and drink coupons. Company sponsorship packages and promotional opportunities – beginning at \$300 – are available as well.

Casper, regarded as one of the greatest golfers of his time, won 51 PGA tournaments from 1956 to 1975. During a six-year span from 1964-70, Casper won more tournaments than any of the era’s “Big Three” – Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Gary Player. He played on eight Ryder Cup teams, accumulating more points than any American golfer, and is renowned as one of the game’s greatest putters. In 2000, Casper was ranked as the 15th greatest golfer of all time by Golf Digest magazine.

His appearance at Orchard Valley is a natural fit. Casper and his wife are very active in charitable work for children and host frequent fund-raisers, including an annual tournament at San Diego Country Club for “Billy’s Kids.”

Casper’s golf course management company – Billy Casper Golf – operates 120 golf courses in 26 states and is responsible for management operations at Orchard Valley.

For more information on Casper’s visit and the Golf for Kids Benefit Golf Outing, visit www.orchardvalleygolf.com or call 630-966-4516.

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