

Cantigny Welcomes PGA Tour Pro Kevin Streelman

Wheaton native to conduct free junior golf clinic at Cantigny Golf Academy on August 7

WHEATON, IL, July 6, 2009 — Cantigny Golf, part of the McCormick Foundation, and the Illinois Junior Golf Association (IJGA) are pleased to announce a special “homecoming” event featuring PGA Tour professional Kevin Streelman.

Streelman, a Wheaton native, former Cantigny Golf employee and now a rising star on the PGA Tour, will conduct a complimentary session targeting junior golfers at the Cantigny Golf Academy on Friday, August 7. The second-year PGA Tour member will speak about his journey from Illinois junior golf to the PGA Tour and answer questions from the kids.

A raffle benefitting IJGA, of which Streelman is an alumnus, will give registered junior golfers the chance to play golf with Kevin or caddie for him on the day of the event. In addition, six essay contest winners will enjoy lunch with Kevin and his wife, Courtney. Raffle and essay contest details are posted on the [IJGA website](#).

“This will be an exciting day at Cantigny Golf, especially for our many junior players,” said Mike Nass, executive director. “Kevin is eager to give something back to junior golf and we’re happy to assist. We believe, as Kevin does, that golf provides development opportunities for kids that go beyond the game itself.”

Streelman played, practiced and took lessons at Cantigny Golf as an amateur. During his college years he worked in the golf shop and volunteered to help teach clinics. His parents live in Winfield and are frequent players at Cantigny.

“I’m extremely excited about coming home to host my first professional clinic at the course where I learned to play,” Streelman said. “To be able to give back and help out those on similar paths as mine means everything to me. Please come out to Cantigny and help me support the IJGA and junior golfers all across our state.”

Online registration at [IJGA.org](#) for the August 7 event is highly recommended. Those registered by July 31 are automatically entered to win a foursome at Cantigny Golf plus other prizes. Raffle winners for day-of-event golf with Kevin will be drawn from among pre-registered junior golfers prior to August 7th. Raffle tickets may be purchased when registering online or at the event.

Schedule of Events for Friday, August 7:

8:30 am	Attendee check-in
9:30 am	Presentation - Kevin’s Story
11:00 am	Golf and On-Course Shoot-Out – spectators welcome
1:30 pm	Picnic and essay winners’ lunch; box lunches available for purchase
2:15 pm	Photos and autographs; Golf Academy Open House

About Kevin Streelman

Streelman, age 30, graduated from Duke University in 2001 and turned pro the same year. In 2008, his first year on the PGA Tour, he finished 78th on the money list and was nominated for Rookie of the Year. While still looking for his first Tour victory, Streelman has five top-10 finishes. He took third at this year's Mayakoba Golf Classic in Mexico by firing a final round 64.

About the Illinois Junior Golf Association

The Illinois Junior Golf Association is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing playing opportunities for its members ages 6-18, conducting educational clinics and events and serving as a junior golf information clearinghouse. For more information, please visit IJGA.org.

About Cantigny Golf

Cantigny Golf, part of the McCormick Foundation, is now celebrating its 20th anniversary. When it opened in 1989, *Golf Digest* magazine named it the "Best New Public Course in America." Most recently it earned a place on the magazine's "Best in State" list for 2009-2010. Today, the 300-acre Cantigny Golf complex includes 27 challenging holes, the year-round Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. Cantigny hosted the 2008 Illinois State Amateur and the 2007 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship. For more information, please visit CantignyGolf.com.

About the McCormick Foundation

The McCormick Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to strengthening our free, democratic society by investing in children, communities and country. Through its grantmaking programs, Cantigny Park and Golf, museums and civic outreach program the Foundation helps build a more active and engaged citizenry. It was established as a charitable trust in 1955, upon the death of Colonel Robert R. McCormick, the longtime editor and publisher of the Chicago Tribune. The McCormick Foundation is one of the nation's largest charities, with more than \$1 billion in assets. For more information, please visit [McCormick Foundation.org](http://McCormickFoundation.org).

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