



Officials Announce SIGA Dakota Dunes Open & Graham Slam Final Event Schedule, Playing Field, and Exemptions

Saskatoon, SK (June 17, 2016) – The Graham & Ruby DeLaet Foundation and SportBox Entertainment Group are excited to announce the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open & Graham Slam final week-long tournament schedule. The official Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada event will tee off next week on Monday, June 20th at the Dakota Dunes Golf Links in Whitecap, Saskatchewan.

Graham Slam will kick off the event week on Monday, June 20th. The celebrity pro-am and exhibition match will see Canadian former NHL All-Stars Theo Fleury, Ray Whitney, and Mike Commodore play alongside PGA TOUR golf star Graham DeLaet in an exclusive “no ropes” exhibition golf match, cocktail reception, and live concert. This intimate experience will be held at the Dakota Dunes Golf Links and the Dakota Dunes Casino.

Mackenzie Tour tournament action will then commence with the first round of competitive play on Thursday, June 23rd, showcasing 156 international golfers, and will conclude on Sunday, June 26th with the 2016 Champion being crowned. Mackenzie Tour players will look to make the next step on the path to the PGA TOUR by leveraging their performance during the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open to reach the next level.

| DATE | EVENT | TIME | LOCATION |
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| Monday, June 20 | Graham Slam Celebrity Pro-Am – Tee Off | 11:00am | Dakota Dunes Golf Links |
| | Graham DeLaet Golf Clinic | 3:30pm | Dakota Dunes Golf Links |
| | Graham Slam Celebrity Match – Tee Off | 4:00pm | Dakota Dunes Golf Links |
| | Graham Slam Reception & Concert | 6:30pm | Dakota Dunes Casino |
| Tuesday, June 21 | SIGA Dakota Dunes Open Pro-Am | 7:30am | Dakota Dunes Golf Links |
| Wednesday, June 22 | Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada Practice | 7:30am-6:30pm | Dakota Dunes Golf Links |
| Thursday, June 23 | SIGA Dakota Dunes Open – Round 1 | 7:30am-6:30pm | Dakota Dunes Golf Links |
| Friday, June 24 | SIGA Dakota Dunes Open – Round 2 | 7:30am-6:30pm | Dakota Dunes Golf Links |
| Saturday, June 25 | SIGA Dakota Dunes Open – Round 3 | 8:00am-5:00pm | Dakota Dunes Golf Links |
| Sunday, June 26 | SIGA Dakota Dunes Open – Round 4 | 8:00am-5:00pm | Dakota Dunes Golf Links |
| | Trophy and Cheque Presentation | 5:30pm | |

As the host organization for the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open, the Graham & Ruby DeLaet Foundation is pleased to announce the selection of the sponsor exemptions into this year’s Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada event.

James Love (Calgary, AB), Lucas Kim (Toronto, Ontario), Hugo Leon (Santiago, Chile), Jerry Christiansen (La Ronge, SK), Dakota Cameron (Beardys/Okemasis First Nation), William Kropp (Indianapolis, USA), Jared du Toit (Kimberley, BC), and Blair Hamilton (Burlington, ON) were extended an exemption to participate in the 9th edition of the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open.

“We are delighted to reward these individuals with the opportunity to participate in this year’s event,” said Tournament Director Brad Parkins. “We had an extremely accomplished list of players reaching out to us, and we would like to thank each and every one of them for their interest in our event. It is a difficult task, but we are very pleased with the individuals we selected.”



The SIGA Dakota Dunes Open is an official tournament for the Mackenzie Tour and will see some of the top ranked players on the TOUR compete from Thursday, June 23rd to Sunday, June 26th including: Adam Cornelson, Ryan Williams, Dan McCarthy, Riley Wheeldon, Cory Renfrew, Matt Hill, and Michael Gligic. The SIGA Dakota Dunes Open will also provide some of Saskatchewan's top golfers a chance to showcase their skills on the big stage.

Tickets are available for purchase starting from \$10 at www.SIGADakotaDunesOpen.com and will be available for pick up at will call at Dakota Dunes Golf Links starting on Monday, June 20th.

Tournament organizers also are pleased to announce that PGA TOUR Pro Graham DeLaet's craft beer, Prairie Beard – Blue Collar Craft, will be the presenting sponsor of the Graham Slam Reception & Concert. Prairie Beard will also be the exclusive beer on-site throughout the week at the Dakota Dunes Golf Links, at the Dakota Dunes Casino during the Graham Slam Reception & Concert, as well as at the Hilton Garden Inn – Downtown Saskatoon during the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open Pro-Am Reception. For more information about Prairie Beard visit www.prairiebaard.com.

About Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada

The Mackenzie Tour-PGA TOUR Canada is a series of tournaments played across Canada each summer, where tomorrow's stars begin the path to the PGA TOUR. The leading five money winners at the end of each season earn status on the Web.com Tour for the following season. The Mackenzie Tour's mission is to deliver a PGA TOUR experience for our members, fans, volunteers and our partners in order to develop the future stars of professional golf & enrich the communities we visit.

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About the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open ft. Graham Slam

The 9th edition of the SIGA Dakota Dunes Open will once again be held on the challenging Dakota Dunes Golf Links. Over the years, the tournament has established its roots in the community and become one of the key events in the province during the summer schedule. Moving forward, the event has partnered with the Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation. With Graham DeLaet and his Foundation as the driving force, the event will raise funds to improve children's health and wellness in Saskatchewan, while integrating a community-centric focus. Beginning in 2016, the Graham Slam Celebrity Exhibition Match will be added to the Monday of event week, acting as the official kick-off to the tournament.

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About the Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation

Graham and his wife Ruby have a long-standing support of children’s health and junior golf. Since 2011, the Graham DeLaet Charity Golf Tournament has supported Saskatchewan-based organizations, such as Golf Saskatchewan, the Weyburn & District Hospital Foundation, The Children’s Hospital Foundation of SK, and the Saskatchewan Ronald McDonald House. The 2014, launch of the Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation became the umbrella brand that drives the DeLaet’s charitable efforts across Canada and the United States. The mission of the Graham and Ruby DeLaet Foundation is focused on improving the health and wellness of children, as well as supporting the development of junior golfers at all stages.

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