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### **GRANDE LAKES ORLANDO HOSTS 20<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL PNC FATHER/SON CHALLENGE *Star-Studded Golf Tournament Returns to Grande Lakes***

**Orlando, Fla. – NOVEMBER 29, 2017** – A golf tradition returns for the sixth consecutive year to The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club Orlando, Grande Lakes as the 20<sup>th</sup> annual PNC Father/Son Challenge tees off December 13-17, 2017. Grande Lakes Orlando, comprised of The Ritz-Carlton and JW Marriott hotels, will welcome headliner Jack Nicklaus, playing with his grandson, G.T., and a 20-team field for the family-oriented, 36-hole tournament.

Defending champions David Duval and stepson, Nick Karavites, return this year to preserve their title on Grande Lakes' pristine, Greg Norman-designed, 18-hole golf course. Past winners Bernhard Langer, Stewart Cink and Lanny Wadkins will also join Duval in the 2017 competition playing alongside their sons.

“We are thrilled to welcome some of golf’s most notable players back to the resort this year for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual PNC Father/Son Challenge,” said Jim Burns, Vice President and Managing Director, Grande Lakes Orlando. “This event perfectly complements our other family activities including our new bike trail, fishing excursions and more, all part of the new Grande Lakes Sports.”

Guests can join in on the action with the PNC Father/Son Challenge Weekend Package, which includes deluxe room accommodations, two adult tickets to the weekend tournament (December 16-17) and a daily resort credit of \$25.

The 20 teams will compete in a 36-hole scramble format over two days for the \$1-million prize purse. The winning team will take the Willie Park Trophy, in memory of the father and son British Open champions Willie Park Sr. and Willie Park Jr. To qualify for the PNC Father/Son Challenge, participants must have won either a major championship or The Players in their career.

The 2017 PNC Father/Son Challenge Field:

Stewart Cink/Reagan Cink, John Daly/Little John Daly, David Duval/Nick Karavites, Nick Faldo/Matthew Faldo, Retief Goosen/Leo Goosen, Padraig Harrington/Paddy Harrington, Lee Janzen/Connor Janzen, Tom Kite/David Kite, Bernhard Langer/Jason Langer, Tom Lehman/Thomas Lehman, Justin Leonard/Larry Leonard, Jack Nicklaus/Gary Nicklaus, Jr., Greg Norman/Greg Norman, Jr., Mark O'Meara/Shawn O'Meara, Jerry Pate/Wesley Pate, Nick Price/Greg Price, Vijay Singh/Qass Singh, Curtis Strange/Tom Strange, Lee Trevino/Daniel Trevino, Lanny Wadkins/Travis Wadkins

For the tournament weekend, rates start at \$329/night at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando and start at \$229/night at JW Marriott Orlando.

For more details on tournament history and past champions, visit [www.pncfathersonchallenge.com](http://www.pncfathersonchallenge.com).

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**About Grande Lakes Orlando**

The 500-acre Grande Lakes Orlando estate features a 582-room Ritz-Carlton and 1,000-room JW Marriott hotel situated at the headwaters of the Florida Everglades. Guests at both hotels can enjoy all the facilities and services at Grande Lakes Orlando, including an 18-hole Greg Norman-designed championship golf course and the 40,000-square-foot Ritz-Carlton Spa as well as three pools including the winding lazy river at JW Marriott. Dining options feature the culinary mastery of award-winning chefs Norman Van Aken with Norman's at The Ritz-Carlton and Melissa Kelly with PRIMO at JW Marriott, a leader in the city's farm-to-fork movement. The resort's renowned culinary program is further showcased at The Kitchen at JW Marriott Orlando and Highball & Harvest at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, as well as The Brewery, an on-property nano-brewery and Chef's Table. Furthering this farm-to-fork commitment are the on-site apiaries and 18,000-square-foot Whisper Creek Farm.

On-property activities include Grande Lakes Sports activities like biking, kayaking, eco-tours on Shingle Creek, fishing, and more. Conference and meeting attendees have their pick of a selection of meeting space options located across 150,000 square feet that connects the two properties plus more than 100,000 square feet of outdoor space.

Grande Lakes is located 15 minutes from the Orlando International Airport, five minutes from the Orange County Convention Center and minutes from the major theme parks. For more information about Grande Lakes Orlando, visit [www.grandelakes.com](http://www.grandelakes.com). Follow Grande Lakes Orlando on Twitter at [@RC Orlando](https://twitter.com/RCOrlando) and [@JW Orlando](https://twitter.com/JWOrlando).

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