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*NFL greats Peyton Manning, Anthony Muñoz, Greg Olsen and LaDainian Tomlinson to play
in official Tournament Pro-Am, the Nationwide Invitational at the Memorial, to highlight
Nationwide Children's Hospital Patient Champion Program*

Official Memorial Tournament Golf Shop opens in new Bridge Park district

Millennial ticket offer announced

Dublin, Ohio – Officials of the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide announced today that the Tournament has accepted entries from fan favorite and Memorial winner Matt Kuchar, former world No. 1 and 2013 Masters champion Adam Scott, two-time major championship winner Zach Johnson and 2017 PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year Xander Schauffele to compete in the 43rd edition of the Memorial Tournament May 28 – June 3 at Muirfield Village Golf Club.

These latest commitments strengthen the Memorial's world-class field that already includes World No. 1 Dustin Johnson, last week's Wells Fargo champion Jason Day, Rory McIlroy, reigning Masters champion Patrick Reed, Bubba Watson and 2017 Memorial winner Jason Dufner – all owners of major titles.

Kuchar, 39, will be returning to Muirfield Village Golf Club for a 13th time. The 2013 Memorial winner posted seven top-10 efforts during that period, including T-4 each of the past two years. Kuchar's Tournament scoring average is 70.20 and he has \$3,189,794.16 in career earnings, which ranks third all-time at the Memorial. The Sea Island, Ga., resident holds the current consecutive cuts made streak on the PGA TOUR with 29 and is ranked No. 21 in the world and No. 63 in FedExCup points.

Scott, 37, has a scoring average at the Memorial of 71.58 with Tournament earnings of \$987,105.08 over 10 starts. His best finish at Muirfield Village Golf Club is T-4, which he accomplished twice, in 2006 and 2014. The first Australian to win the Masters Tournament, Scott has 13 PGA TOUR wins, and in 2014 he spent 12 weeks at No. 1 in the world.

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Johnson won The Masters Tournament for his first major title in 2007 and hoisted the Claret Jug as The Open champion in 2015 for his most recent win on the PGA TOUR. He currently ranks No. 53 in the world and No. 48 in FedExCup points. The 42-year-old resident of St. Simmons Island, Ga., will be making his 10th start at the Memorial. His career Tournament statistics include earnings of \$665,540.72 and a 72.47 scoring average. Johnson's best finish at the Memorial came in his third start at Muirfield Village Golf Club in 2006 when he tied for second place.

Schauffele, 24, completed a strong freshman campaign in 2017 with his first two PGA TOUR wins at The Greenbrier Classic and the season-ending TOUR Championship. He ended the season ranked third in the FedExCup standings and was named the PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year. The California native will be making his first start at the Memorial Tournament.

Before the 72-hole stroke-play competition begins on Thursday, May 31, patrons will be treated to a full slate of events scheduled for Wednesday, May 30, beginning with the Nationwide Invitational at the Memorial, the official Pro-Am of the Tournament, starting at 7:30 a.m. EDT. This event will feature the top players from the Tournament's field of competitors and also serve to highlight the Nationwide Children's Hospital Patient Champion Program.

The Patient Champion Program is designed to recognize the strong, driving spirit and optimistic outlook of each patient that inspires not only his or her family and loved ones, but also the entire community. Eight Patient Champions from Nationwide Children's Hospital will take center stage on Wednesday as they meet PGA TOUR professionals and enjoy a full morning of VIP Tournament experiences. These inspiring children will also have the opportunity to meet special Nationwide guests and NFL royalty, Peyton Manning, Anthony Muñoz, Greg Olsen and LaDainian Tomlinson. Manning, Muñoz and Tomlinson are all former winners of the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year (WPMOY) Award and Olsen is a two-time finalist. Nationwide, which has sponsored the Memorial since 2011, is also the presenting sponsor of the Walter Payton NFL Man of the Year Award, which honors a player's work in the community. Manning, the two-time Super Bowl champion, will play in the Nationwide Invitational for the third straight year. Muñoz, Olsen and Tomlinson will make their debut in this year's event. Olsen will also participate in the annual Jack Nicklaus Golf Clinic at 4 p.m. Wednesday on the driving range.

In other Tournament news, the Memorial opened today its newest Golf Shop, located on Longshore Street in Dublin's Bridge Park district. The store is open to the public May 8 through June 3 and will feature official Memorial Tournament gear, including shirts, hats, active wear, pin flags, golf chairs, drinkware, sunglasses and more. The public also can purchase Tournament badges at the new Golf Shop and the Memorial's Limited-Edition Bear, with proceeds benefiting Nationwide Children's Hospital. For more details and hours of operation please visit the Tournament website at www.thememorialtournament.com.

Additionally, the Memorial Tournament announced today a new ticket option available to fans 21 to 30 years of age. The Millennial Ticket is \$60 for a one-day grounds pass to the Tournament. Included with the offer are two complimentary tokens redeemable for select offers at the Memorial's 19th Hole and participating Bridge Park establishments, as well as free parking and shuttle service from Bridge Park to the Tournament. Tickets can be purchased online at www.thememorialtournament.com/millennial or at the Memorial Golf Shop at Bridge Park. A valid driver's license is required, and all Millennial Tickets must be picked up at the Memorial Golf Shop at Bridge Park. Limit one ticket per person per day.

To purchase badges for this year's edition of the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide, the public may call the Tournament Ticket Office 9 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays at 877-MT BADGE (877-682-2343) or visit www.memorialbadges.com. Kids 18 and under can attend for free with a ticketed adult. Daily practice round tickets for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are also available. The cost is \$35 and they are valid for all three practice-round days.

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About the Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide

The Memorial Tournament presented by Nationwide is held annually at Muirfield Village Golf Club in Dublin, Ohio, a suburb of Columbus. The Tournament, founded and hosted by Jack Nicklaus, is conducted each year with three goals in mind: to honor the memory of individuals living and deceased who have distinguished themselves in the game of golf; to showcase the world's best golfers competing on one of the most challenging venues in the world for the enjoyment of spectators; and to benefit many Greater Columbus Charities in alliance with the Nicklaus Children's Healthcare Foundation, Nationwide Children's Hospital and numerous other local organizations. For more information, visit www.thememorialtournament.com or call 614-889-6700.

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