

LET's first carbon neutral event



Switzerland's Ticino canton once again plays host to the Deutsche Bank Ladies' Swiss Open (DBLSO), from May 14-17, 2009.

For the fourth time, the best of Europe's female golf elite including Gwladys Nocera (the 2006 winner), Lotta Wahlin, Lisa Hall and Martina Eberl are at Golf Gerre Losone competing for prize money totalling €525,000.

The Deutsche Bank Ladies' Swiss Open is the first full-field tournament on the 2009 LET schedule and also a qualifying event for The 2009 Solheim Cup.

In addition to providing the best of sporting action, the tournament promises to re-write sporting history as the Ladies European Tour's first ever carbon neutral event, with the motto "Go for the Green."

"We are celebrating a world premiere", said Tournament Director Hanns Michael Hoelz. "Environmental protection is a matter of social responsibility, and is one of the greatest challenges of our time."

Deutsche Bank is implementing a number of palpable measures in its worldwide banking business and at the Deutsche Bank Ladies Swiss Open 2009. At the tournament, carbon-management will be an integrated strategy. The total emission volume or "carbon footprint" of the tournament has been determined in advance and the event organiser has purchased an emissions certificate to offset unavoidable emissions.

Green Globetrotters

They are world travellers due to their golf profession and amongst the best in the world at what they do. But what role does the environment play in the life of a professional golfer? Last year's No.1 Gwladys Nocera gives us her view.

Would you consider yourself a "green" person, an ecological focused person?

I would not say I am a green person because I am not that focused on ecology but I am careful. My caddie smokes a lot and he used to throw his cigarette butts on the courses. I bought him an ash tray that he carries in his pocket so he doesn't throw cigarette butts on the courses. That is really bad. I always pick up paper on the course when I see it. I try to be careful of that and careful about not using too much water when I brush my teeth and stuff like that to avoid wasting it. Other than that I use my car a lot so I am not as green as I could be.

Aren't golfers in general leading a green lifestyle?

I think we are aware of what is going on and because we live in a natural environment we try to be careful and to respect it. I think so.

What do you do to lead a socially and environmentally aware lifestyle?

I try to do the little things like picking up paper from the course and conserving water. I try to recycle and don't use plastic bags from the supermarket. If I see someone throwing trash I tell them to pick it up.



Taylor returns to competitive action



Kirsty Taylor, winner of the 2005 Wales Open and a former British Amateur stroke-play champion, is back to work this week.

Just 16 months ago, the 37-year-old Clitheroe native suffered a fit, similar to that of Severiano Ballesteros. Like the Spaniard, she was diagnosed with a brain tumour and had to have two operations; but now she is back to full health and competing on the Ladies European Tour.

On Thursday, she will tee off at the €525,000 Deutsche Bank Ladies Swiss Open at Golf Gerre Losone, in Ticino, which marks the start of the main 2009 season in Europe.

"I'm obviously nervous about tomorrow but also excited to be back. We'll see what happens. I don't want to put too much pressure on myself," said Taylor, who now lives in Tetbury, Gloucestershire.

"I can see myself winning again. It was disappointing obviously not to be able to come out in 2008 after four seconds and a third in 2007. I'd love to go out there and win another trophy."

Like most of her fellow competitors, she is raring to go but hasn't played on tour since the

Ladies English Open in July.

Trish Johnson competes in 250th LET event

England's Trish Johnson will play in her 250th LET event at this week's Deutsche Bank Ladies Swiss Open. It comes as she begins her 22nd season as a member of the LET.

Over the past 21 years, Johnson has won 18 events all over the world and accumulated 93 top ten finishes.

After an outstanding amateur career, she joined the LET in 1987 when she won three tournaments and was named Rookie of the Year. She then won 1987 LPGA Qualifying School at Sweetwater. In 1990, she completed four victories on the LET and won the Order of Merit.

Her most recent victory was the 2007 BMW Ladies Italian Open at Sheraton Parco de- Medici in Rome, although she also secured the VCI European Ladies Golf Cup, which was a team event, alongside Rebecca Hudson, in April last year.



Deutsche Bank Ladies Swiss Open TV Times

Fans of women's golf can watch televised highlights from the Deutsche Bank Ladies Swiss Open.

Please see listings below. All times shown are in GMT. Where times are not shown highlights will be broadcast following the event.

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GERMANY	PREMIERE	15/05/09	14:00
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		18/05/09	18:45
FRANCE	SPORT +	25/05/09	14:15
		26/05/09	08:30
PORTUGAL	SPORT TV		
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AUSTRALIA	FOX SPORTS		
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