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**Island View Casino Resort's Windance Country Club to Host Adams Golf Pro Tour**  
*-Tour marks its championship final for second year at Gulfport Casino's course*

GULFPORT – Island View Casino Resort swings into golfing action once again with the return of the Adams Golf Pro Tour Series Championship on Wednesday, Oct. 14 through Saturday, Oct. 17 at the resort's exclusive course, Windance Country Club in Gulfport, Miss.

The tour's 120 top professional golfers will compete on the championship course at the Island View Casino Tour Championship for the 2009 Adams Golf Pro Tour Series title with a total purse of \$150,000.

Included again this year is the opportunity for golf fans to play with the pros during a pro-am on Tuesday, October 13, with starts at 8 a.m. and at 1:30 p.m.

The first two rounds of the professional tournament will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 14 and Thursday, Oct. 15 with a cut in the field being made to 45 players and ties for the final two rounds. The awards presentation will be Saturday, Oct. 17, at approximately 2:30 p.m.

“By entering our second year as the championship host for the Adam's Golf Tournament, we are continuing Windance County Club's longstanding tradition of providing an exceptional golfing experience for pros and novice players alike,” said Rick Carter, co-owner of Island View Casino Resort.

“This outstanding tour shines a light on the Mississippi Gulf Coast as an emerging resort destination for other parts of the country. Golfing, gaming and the beach are an unbeatable combination, and we are proud to help promote this area and all that it offers,” Carter added.

The Adams Golf Pro Tour has one of its 15 regular season events remaining before the Island View Casino Tour Championship, with the First Tee of Meridian Classic in Meridian, Miss. from Oct. 7 to Oct. 10, remaining in the lineup.

Windance Country Club features an 18-hole championship golf course, designed by golf pro Mark McCumber. The course offers a driving range, practice green, pro shop, The View at 19 Bar & Grill, and a clubhouse and swimming pool.

“Again, we are privileged to have such a great city and venue for our season ending Championship. We expect not only a strong field at the Tour Championship, but another great finish to our 2009 season,” said Gary DeSerrano, president of the Adams Golf Pro Tour Series.

Mark Walker, last year’s top money winner has moved into first place again this year with a win at the Adams Golf Texarkana Classic in July. Walker and the rest of the top players on the Adams Series will use the season-end championship to prepare for this year’s PGA qualifying school, which begins the week following the Island View Casino Tour Championship.

All proceeds from the Adams Golf Pro Tour Series at Windance Country Club will benefit Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College’s golf program, as well as the Mississippi Gulf Coast Junior Golf Program.

For more information regarding the tournament, volunteering, sponsorships or the pro-am, please call Tommy Snell, tournament director at (601) 528-8952.

**About Island View Casino Resort:**

Island View Casino Resort opened on Sept. 18, 2006 as the only casino in Gulfport, Miss. The land-based casino, located on 40 acres of waterfront property, currently offers an 80,000-plus-square-foot casino with approximately 2,000 slots and 47 table games. The 520,000-square-foot resort also features a 562-room hotel, an Emeril’s Gulf Coast Fish House, a 400-seat buffet, a 24-hour restaurant called C&G Grille and the View Bar – an entertainment lounge. Island View Casino Resort is privately held by Rick Carter and Terry Green, two Gulfport natives and longtime casino executives committed to the post-Hurricane Katrina rebuilding efforts of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. [www.IslandViewCasino.com](http://www.IslandViewCasino.com)

**About Windance Country Club:**

Windance Country Club, located in Gulfport, Miss., offers 18-hole championship course, designed by golf pro Mark McCumber, featuring a driving range, practice green, pro shop with premier golf attire and merchandise. Other club amenities include The View at 19 Bar & Grill, clubhouse and swimming pool. Windance has hosted the Ben Hogan and Nike tours with past winners including 2003 U.S. Open Champion Jim Furyk, Tom Lehman, and Alan Doyle. The Adams Golf Pro Tour currently calls Windance home for the Island View Casino Tour Championship event. Island View Casino Resort offers golf packages that include a deluxe room at the resort's hotel, one round of golf with a shared cart and a golf gift. Rates start at \$50 for Island View Players Club members and hotel guests and packages start at \$99. For more information on stay and play package reservations, please call 1.877.774.VIEW (8439), ext. 25 or go to [www.islandviewcasino.com/windance.html](http://www.islandviewcasino.com/windance.html).

**About the Adams Golf Pro Tour Series:**

The Adams Golf Pro Tour Series, a subsidiary of the K&G Sports LLC., partners with local non-profits to conduct 16-plus professional golf tournaments in the mid-South region of the US. In addition to raising thousands of dollars each year for charity, these events will provide an avenue for professional golfers to hone their skills while preparing for a life on the PGA Tour. The management team at K&G Sports previously operated the Tight Lies Tour which successfully graduated players to the PGA Tour, including Harrison Frazar, Tag Ridings, John Senden, Deane Pappas, John Reigger, Mark Hensby, Ron Whittaker, Scott Sterling, Rich Barcelo, 2001 Farm Bureau Classic winner Cameron Beckman, 1999 John Deer Classic winner J.L. Lewis, three-time PGA winner Tim Herron and 2004 Funai Classic at Walt Disney Resort winner Ryan Palmer. For more information on the Adams Golf Pro Tour Series, please go to [www.adamsgolfprotourseries.com](http://www.adamsgolfprotourseries.com).