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### FURYK AND LEONARD AMONG EARLY BUICK OPEN COMMITMENTS

GRAND BLANC, Mich. – Jim Furyk and Justin Leonard are among seven former Buick Open Champions scheduled to play in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inaugural Buick Open, June 23-29 at Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club.

Other former Buick Open Champions scheduled to play in the 2008 Buick Open are Woody Austin, Kenny Perry, Rocco Mediate, Tom Pernice, Jr., Scott Verplank and Brian Bateman.

“We excited that so many former Buick Open champions have already committed to play in this year’s tournament,” said Larry Peck, Buick Golf Marketing Manager and Buick Open Tournament Chairman. “They are a big part of the tournament’s history and we look forward to having them with us to celebrate our golden anniversary.”

Other early commitments include Chris DiMarco, Fred Funk, Boo Weekly and J.B Holmes. Tiger Woods said he intends to play in the 2008 Buick Open, but has not officially committed to the tournament.

Furyk, Perry and the rest of the 2008 Buick Open field will compete for a record \$5.0 million purse, including a \$900,000 first prize and a 2008 Buick Enclave.

For Buick Open tickets and information, call 1 **(800) 878-OPEN** or go to [www.buickopen.com](http://www.buickopen.com).

Buick is the title-sponsor of two PGA Tour events in 2007. In addition to the Buick Open, Buick sponsors The Buick Invitational in La Jolla, Calif., which was won by Tiger Woods for the fourth consecutive time during the week of January 21-27.

Buick has been the official car of the PGA Tour since 1984. Through its title-sponsored PGA Tour events Buick has donated nearly \$40 million to local charities in its tournament cities since 1982. More than \$9.4 million has been donated to the Buick Open charities.

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