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## **News Release--It's looking like baseball season at the Wildhorse Celebrity Golf Tournament, Aug. 11-13**

It's looking like baseball season at the 4th Annual Wildhorse Celebrity Golf Tournament, Aug. 11-13, with a roster of MLB veterans that could challenge some of today's teams. The lineup of luminaries this year includes Cy Young winner and three-time World Series competitor Vida Blue, two-time National League Batting Champ Tommy Davis, two National League MVPs—George Foster, 1977, and Dave Parker, 1978—as well as two All-Star Game MVPs, Parker in 1979 and Ken Griffey Sr. in 1980. Finally, there's Bob Gibson, inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1981 and owner of an unbroken record for consecutive World Series wins, seven.

Also there's Steve Cook, who played for the Pirates in the 1990's and became the first rookie left-hander since 1966 to reach double figures in wins, and Tom Gorman, born in Portland, who played for the Expos, Mets, Phillies and Padres.

New this year to the tournament is Matt Lindland, a state champion wrestler from Oregon's Gladstone High in the 1980's and an Olympic wrestling silver medalist who has gone on to an outstanding career in the martial arts, doing battle on televised "Ultimate Fighting Championship" events as The Law.

Returning players in Wildhorse's annual fete to great golf include Maurice Lucas, one of the stars of the Trail Blazers 1977 championship team. Also returning are Marv Fleming, who while with the Miami Dolphins and Green Bay Packers, became the first in NFL history to play on five Super Bowl teams; Jacob Green, who spent the majority of his 13 years in the NFL with the Seahawks and Laura Gambucci, chosen Designer of the Year in the golf fashion industry. The lineup wouldn't be complete without a full team of Trail Blazers, including former standouts Bob Gross,

Kenny Carr, Jerome Kersey, Larry Steel, and longtime Rip City announcer Bill Schonely.

Other standouts include George Atkinson, Oakland Raiders; Frank Brickowski, Seattle Sonics, Richard Dent, Chicago Bears; Truck Robinson, Phoenix Suns; actor Richard Roundtree of Shaft fame and Manu Tuiasosopo, Seattle Seahawks. Several broadcasters will join the tournament, including Kimiko Tanaka, former host of ESPN's Body Shaping and Muscle Magazine shows; award-winning Portland sports broadcaster Scott Lynn and KATU-TV news anchor Ken Ackerman.

The tournament joins a celebrity with a foursome of amateur golfers who pay for the privilege of playing with the stars. They also gain admission to the player pairing party with the celebs the night before the tournament, Aug. 11 and the awards banquet. The public is invited to attend as the players tee off at 8 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. All play takes place at Wildhorse Resort & Casino's championship, 18-hole course near Pendleton.

In addition to participating in two days of social events, tournament competitors will play two days of golf with an optional practice round on Thursday. The cost is \$200 per player or \$760 per foursome, including green fees, tee prizes, cart, lunches, awards banquet and the player pairing party. The deadline for entries is August 8. Award banquet tickets are also separately available for \$30.

For participation information, contact Crystal Bublikova at 541-966-1510 or Wildhorse golf professional Laine Wortman at 541-276-5588.

Wildhorse Resort & Casino is the West's highest paying casino, with a record \$9.3 million slot jackpot. The Resort includes a 24-hour casino, hotel, RV Park, 18-hole golf course and Tribal museum. It is located just minutes off I-84 at Exit 216, four miles east of Pendleton. For more information: 1-800-654-9453 or [www.wildhorseresort.com](http://www.wildhorseresort.com). Wildhorse is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.

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