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***Val Skinner's LIFE Event to Offer LPGA Players  
Sneak Peak at Exclusive 2013 U.S. Open Venue***

WEST CALDWELL, N.J.— After hosting her annual breast cancer fundraising event in New Jersey for the past 11 years, LPGA professional and Golf Channel commentator Val Skinner is heading to the Hamptons. The 2011 LIFE (LPGA Pros in the Fight to Eradicate Breast Cancer) tournament, scheduled for Monday, June 27, will offer participating players their first look at Sebonack Golf Club, host of the 2013 U.S. Women's Open.

Located in Southampton on Long Island, Sebonack Golf Club opened in 2006 and has received numerous accolades. Designed by Jack Nicklaus and Tom Doak, it is considered to be one of the most challenging and exclusive courses in the country.

“LIFE has had a great 11 year run at some of New Jersey's finest courses and a significant portion of our funds raised support programs there. I fully expect us to return to New Jersey in the future but moving to Sebonack for 2011 was a tremendous opportunity for our event,” said Skinner. “This will provide us exposure for our message to an entirely new audience while also giving our LPGA players a chance to play this future Open course.”

Traditionally hosting one of the strongest LPGA pro-am fields, the 2011 LIFE Event is expected to once again include the top names in women's golf, including LPGA greats and World Golf Hall of Fame members, Nancy Lopez and Karrie Webb, former U.S. Open Champions Laura Davies and Meg Mallon, as well as Helen Alfredsson. They will be joined by young stars like former top-ranked Jiya Shin, 2010 LPGA Rookie of the Year Azahara Munoz, Morgan Pressel, Brittany Lincicome, Christina Kim and current USGA Women's Amateur Champion Jennifer Song.

Founded in 2000, LIFE is one of the largest single-day events benefiting breast cancer awareness charities. To date, Skinner and her foundation have raised nearly \$7 million for Susan G. Komen for the Cure, the LPGA's official national charity, and the Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ), a National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer facility which houses the education-based LIFE Center, named after this advocacy.

These organizations collaborated with the Val Skinner Foundation in creating the Young Women's Initiative, a multifaceted effort organized to target women, especially the younger population, with the breast cancer message.

Since the 1990s Skinner has been tireless in her advocacy. The impetus for her work originated with an aunt who experienced and survived breast cancer and the loss of two friends, one who was diagnosed at age 33 and left two children behind, and most notably, the misdiagnosis, struggle and death of popular 28-year-old LPGA star Heather Farr in 1993.

“Heather had such a deep reservoir of strength and that competitive spirit; she made a point to reach out regarding her situation hoping to inform those not aware this could happen,” said Skinner. “Much of her passion was focused on young women becoming aware and being proactive. Her strength was transcendent we have followed her lead.”

Each year the LIFE Event recognizes LIFE Heroes, individuals who have exhibited courage facing breast cancer and those who have played an active role in the fight against the disease. LIFE heroes come from all walks of life and serve as inspiration and a reminder of the needs families have that face this diagnosis and how LIFE's funds are meeting those needs. The honorees will be featured at a reception following the tournament. The heroes, along with a final roster of participants, will be announced in the near future.

Val Skinner, a member of three golf Halls of Fame, played on the LPGA Tour for 21 years. The six-time winner was ranked in the top 15 in seven of those years. She has been the recipient of numerous rewards and honors for her work in the fight against breast cancer. In addition to overseeing her Foundation work, Skinner competes on the Legends Tour and serves as a commentator for the Golf Channel.

For more information on the 2011 LIFE Event, beneficiaries and partners, visit [www.valskinnerfoundation.org](http://www.valskinnerfoundation.org).

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