

## **Zach Johnson Classic set for Monday**

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Zach Johnson is hoping for another big payday on Monday, but none of this money will go into the pro golfer's bank account.

The second Zach Johnson Classic will be held at Elmcrest Country Club in Cedar Rapids on Monday with all proceeds earmarked for the Zach Johnson Foundation and its charitable activities.

The first ZJF Classic last year raised more than \$1 million for Kids on Course, a pilot program at the Van Buren and Harrison elementary schools in Cedar Rapids. Johnson and his wife, Kim, personally contributed \$500,000 to the program.

"Last year Kim and I were humbled by the amount of support the community showed the Foundation and the program," Johnson declared in a news release.

Four successful members of the PGA Tour will join Johnson on Monday with Stewart Cink, Ben Crane, Kyle Stanley and Johnson Wagner in attendance.

Cink won the 2009 British Open and ranks 11th in career earnings on the PGA Tour. Crane has won four times on the PGA Tour. Stanley ranks 13th on the FedEx Cup list and Wagner ranks 10th in the FedEx Cup standings.

Johnson, 36, has won the John Deere Classic and the Crown Plaza Invitational this year, giving him nine career victories on the PGA Tour (including the 2007 Masters). He has won \$4,037,284.30 this year to rank third in Tour earnings and has earned \$27,162,317 in his career.

The Zach Johnson Classic activities will begin Sunday night with a gala at the Marriott Hotel in Cedar Rapids with dinner, an auction and entertainment for the players and guests.

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The golf activities begin Monday with a clinic by Johnson and his fellow pros at 9:30 a.m., followed by a shotgun start at 10:30. An awards ceremony will be held at 3:45 p.m.

Tickets cost \$20 for adults and \$10 for juniors (12 & under).

"We're looking forward to giving spectators another great experience this year," Johnson said. "We have people coming to play that will get everyone really excited about the event."

Johnson developed his golf skills at Elmcrest Country Club as a youngster and helped Regis High School win the Class 3A state title as a sophomore in 1992. He later helped Drake win two Missouri Valley Conference titles before embarking on his pro career.

Zach and Kim Johnson have two sons, Will and Wyatt, and are expecting a daughter. They currently reside in St. Simons Island, Ga.