

BMW Championship

ACTOR BILL MURRAY TO PLAY IN BMW CHAMPIONSHIP PRO-AM

Murray Brothers to be inducted into The Caddie Hall of Fame

LAKE FOREST, Illinois (September 11, 2015) - Internationally renowned actor Bill Murray and his five brothers – whose experiences as caddies at Indian Hill Club in Winnetka inspired the 1980 comedy classic, “Caddyshack” – are scheduled to play in the Gardner Heidrick Pro-Am on Wednesday, Sept. 16, at the 2015 BMW Championship at Conway Farms Golf Club in Lake Forest, Illinois.

That evening, all six Murray brothers – Andy, Bill, Brian, Ed, Joel and John – will be inducted into The Caddie Hall of Fame at a private dinner following the Pro-Am at Conway Farms.

Administered by the Western Golf Association since 2007, The Caddie Hall of Fame highlights the tradition and importance of caddying by recognizing individuals who have devoted their lives to the game of golf through caddying or by supporting the role of caddies.

“We are honored and excited to welcome the Murray brothers to the 2015 BMW Championship and to induct them into The Caddie Hall of Fame,” said Vince Pellegrino, Senior Vice President of Tournaments for the Western Golf Association, which conducts the BMW Championship.

“The Murray brothers’ experiences coming of age in the caddie yard – including the quest for an Evans Scholarship – are what have made “Caddyshack” a favorite, not just of golfers and sports fans but of movie lovers across the world.”

Bill Murray’s portrayal of Bushwood Country Club’s hapless greenskeeper, Carl Spackler, in “Caddyshack” helped immortalize the film, which was co-written by his older brother, Brian Doyle-Murray, who also played caddie master Lou Loomis in the movie.

Brian based a key plot element of “Caddyshack” on the eldest Murray brother Ed’s pursuit of a caddie scholarship. Ed was awarded an Evans Scholarship to attend Northwestern University in 1963.

“Being a caddie had me working with adults, including business executives and community leaders,” Ed said. “I didn’t realize it at the time, but through golf, I was learning ... honesty, integrity, sportsmanship, respect, confidence and responsibility. If it wasn’t for golf and Indian Hill, I never would have gotten the opportunity to earn a Chick Evans Scholarship to a great university.”

Adding to the list of celebrities appearing in this year’s Pro-Am are a pair of prominent names in Chicago sports – Bears legend Brian Urlacher and Bulls head coach Fred Hoiberg.

Urlacher played his entire 13-year career with the Bears, and was beloved by fans for his tenacious and relentless play at middle linebacker that reminded many of Bears icons Dick Butkus and Mike Singletary. Urlacher was named the 2000 AP Defensive Rookie of the Year, the 2005 AP Defensive Player of the Year and was an eight-time Pro Bowler. He retired in 2013.

Fred Hoiberg was named head coach of the Chicago Bulls in June after five seasons at the helm at Iowa State University where he led the Cyclones to four NCAA tournament appearances. Prior to coaching, Hoiberg had a lengthy career in the NBA that included stints with the Bulls, Indiana Pacers and Minnesota Timberwolves.

The Gardner Heidrick Pro-Am is the largest single fundraiser of the year for the Evans Scholars Foundation, the sole charity of the BMW Championship.

Since 2007, the BMW Championship has donated \$19.6 million to the Evans Scholars Foundation, which has sent more than 10,000 caddies to college on full tuition and housing scholarships since 1930.

THE INDUCTEES

Ed Murray, 71, retired in 2010 as senior vice president with Morgan Stanley after a 27-year career as a financial consultant. The first of the Murray brothers to work at Indian Hill, Ed caddied for the likes of evangelist Billy Graham, Bob Hope and Charles “Chick” Evans, a U.S. Open champion and founder of the Evans Scholarship. He received the Evans Scholarship in 1963, but four years in the Air Force delayed his graduation until 1971. He played a bit part in “Caddyshack”, earning \$35 a day as an extra. He and actor Michael O’Keefe, who played Noonan, played golf together during filming. Ed is still an avid golfer.

Brian Doyle-Murray, 69, has had a 43-year career as an actor, comedian, voice-actor and screenwriter, earning three Emmy nominations for Outstanding Writing in a Comedy in 1978, ’79 and ’80 for his work on “Saturday Night Live,” NBC’s trailblazing sketch comedy and variety show. He has appeared in a number of movies – including “Caddyshack,” “Scrooged,” “Ghostbusters II,” “The Razor’s Edge” and “Groundhog Day” – and TV shows. He currently has a recurring role as auto dealership owner Don Ehlert in the sitcom “The Middle” on ABC. He got his start at Chicago’s Second City improvisational sketch comedy theater. Brian also is an avid golfer.

Bill Murray, 64, followed his brother Brian to Second City and joined the cast of “Saturday Night Live” in 1976, eventually becoming a leading member of the cast and earning an Emmy Award. He parlayed his comedic genius into starring roles in such box office hits as “Caddyshack,” “Stripes,” and “Tootsie.” He later starred in “Ghostbusters,” also a massive hit. In recent years, Murray has turned to more dramatic roles, winning a Golden Globe Award for his work in “Lost in Translation.” Throughout his career, Murray’s love of golf has been a constant. He has been a regular at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am, where his crazy outfits and occasionally outrageous crowd interactions delight live and TV audiences alike.

Andrew Murray, 61, is a chef, and is co-founder and co-chariman of the Murray Bros. Caddyshack restaurant in St. Augustine, Florida. The restaurant, located in the World Golf Village, opened in 2001. Andy usually can be found either in the kitchen or greeting customers at the front door.

John Murray, 57, is an actor, writer and producer. He has appeared in a number of films, including “Starting Over,” “Caddyshack,” “They All Laughed,” “Moving Violations” and “Scrooged.” He also has appeared in several TV roles on such programs as “Northern Exposure” and the “Eleventh Hour.”

Joel Murray, 52, has been in show business since 1986, including a stint at Second City early in his career. He recently played the recurring character of advertising copywriter Freddy Rumsen in 15 episodes of the hit series “Mad Men.” He starred in the 1990 TV series “Grand,” the 1991 comedy series “Pacific Station” and the 1992 ABC series “Dharma & Greg.” He has made guest appearances on such shows as “The Nanny,” “Joan of Arcadia,” “Two and a Half Men,” “Malcom in the Middle,” “Criminal Minds” and “Blossom.” In the 2012 film “God Bless America” he portrays Frank, a man whose contempt for the superficiality and meanness of America society sends him over the edge and into a killing spree. In the 2013 film “Monsters University,” he played the voice of Don Carlton, a middle-aged monster. He recently joined the improve-comedy troupe Whose Line Is It Anyway?

The Caddie Hall of Fame

The Caddie Hall of Fame highlights the tradition and importance of caddying by recognizing and celebrating individuals who have devoted their lives to the game of golf through caddying or by supporting the role of caddies.

The Hall of Fame was created in 1991 by the Professional Caddies Association, with the WGA taking over formal administration in 2011. Notable members of the Caddie Hall of Fame include Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson, Gene Sarazen and Charles "Chick" Evans.

About the BMW Championship

The BMW Championship dates back to 1899 when it debuted as the Western Open, making it the third-oldest tournament on the PGA TOUR schedule, behind only the British Open and U.S. Open. BMW has sponsored the tournament since 2007 when it became the third of four Playoff events with the introduction of the PGA TOUR's FedExCup Playoffs. Once it became the penultimate Playoff event, the tournament converted from a full field event to a field of 70 players to determine the final 30 players for the FedExCup finale at the TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola in Atlanta. All net proceeds from the BMW Championship benefit the Evans Scholars Foundation, which grants full college scholarships to deserving young caddies. Since BMW became title sponsor, the tournament has contributed more than \$19.6 million to the Evans Scholars Foundation.

For more information about the BMW Championship, visit www.BMWChampionship.com.

About Western Golf Association/Evans Scholars Foundation

The Western Golf Association conducts four national golf championships and sponsors the nationally acclaimed Evans Scholars Foundation. Headquartered in Golf, Illinois, the organization was founded in 1899 by 11 Chicago-area golf clubs to promote their interests in golf.

The WGA conducts two prestigious amateur championships, the Western Amateur and the Western Junior, as well as the BMW Championship, the third of four PGA TOUR FedExCup Playoff events. In 2013, the WGA added a fourth tournament, the Hotel Fitness Championship, one of four newly-created Web.com Tour Finals events.

The WGA also champions education through golf in sponsoring the Evans Scholars Foundation. Established by famed amateur golfer Charles "Chick" Evans Jr., the program provides full housing and tuition scholarships to deserving caddies across the country. Currently, 910 caddies are attending college as Evans Scholars; there are more than 10,000 Evans Alumni across the country. Most Scholars attend one of the 14 universities where the Foundation owns and operates a Scholarship House.

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