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**Dates:** May 11-17, 2009  
**Where:** LaCantera Golf Course (Resort Course)  
**Par/Yards:** 35-35--70/6,881  
**Purse:** \$6,100,000; **Winner's Share:** \$1,098,000  
**Format:** 72-hole stroke play

#### **KEY STORYLINES**

**Valero Texas Open joins the FedExCup race** – For the first time, the Valero Texas Open joins the PGA TOUR Regular Season as part of the race for the FedExCup title. In the first two years of the FedExCup, the Valero Texas Open was part of the PGA TOUR Fall series. In addition to FedExCup point being awarded, Presidents Cup points will be awarded at the event.

#### **Other schedule facts:**

- Having moved from the fall, the 2009 edition of the Valero Texas Open will be conducted just 214 days after Zach Johnson's win in October of 2008.
- First event in revamped PGA TOUR schedule that includes three consecutive stops in the state of Texas (HP Byron Nelson Championship; Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial).
- The Valero Texas Open is the third-oldest PGA TOUR event dating back to 1922 with past champions that include Walter Hagen, Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, Sam Snead and Arnold Palmer.
- Tournament will be moving to the AT&T Oaks Course at TPC San Antonio in 2010 (Greg Norman design with player consultant Sergio Garcia). The 36-hole facility is adjacent to the JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort and Spa.

**CBS covers Valero Texas Open for first time** – For the first time, the Valero Texas Open will air on network television (CBS) on Saturday-Sunday. GOLF CHANNEL will continue its partnership with the Valero Texas Open, televising coverage on Thursday-Friday.

**Charity is the real winner** – The Valero Texas open continues to make a tremendous charitable impact throughout the state of Texas. In fact, through the assistance of Valero's business partners, in 2008 the Valero Texas Open was able to raise and contribute a total of \$8.5 million to more than 420 area charities, a record high in the event's 87-year history. And for the first time, the Valero Energy Foundation provided a separate donation of \$100,000 to Feed the Children, a cause that two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen is involved with. That individual donation continues to feed and care for more than 200 children a year.

“Whether this is your first year here or if you have been with us in past years, I hope you leave with a true sense of what Valero is all about,” Valero Chairman and CEO Bill Klesse said last year. “This is about sharing our success with the communities in which we live and work to make a real difference in the world.”

“If this isn’t an indication of what the PGA TOUR is all about, I don’t know what is,” said defending champion Zach Johnson about Valero’s commitment and dedication. “Being a part of this event is just huge,” he added.

**FedExCup modifications for 2009** – Now in its third year, the FedExCup underwent several modifications with the onset of the 2009 season:

- Shifting the points reset from the beginning of the Playoffs to after the BMW Championship, which means points earned during the PGA TOUR Regular Season will be carried through the first three Playoff events.
- Quintupling points awarded at Playoff tournaments relative to Regular Season tournaments
- Changing the field size of the Playoff events to 125 at The Barclays, 100 at the Deutsche Bank Championship, 70 at the BMW Championship and 30 at THE TOUR Championship; they previously were 144, 120, 70 and 30.
- Streamlining the points structure for ease of understanding.

**Zach Johnson set to defend** – With one win already under his belt in 2009 (Sony Open in Hawaii), Zach Johnson returns in May to defend his title at The Valero Texas Open. Last year’s win in Texas was Johnson’s fourth PGA TOUR title and first TOUR victory outside of the state of Georgia. He previously won the 2004 and 2007 AT&T Classic, as well as the 2007 Masters Tournament. Johnson began the 2008 Valero Texas Open final-round trailing Rory Sabbatini by a stroke, but his six-under 64 on Sunday propelled him to a two-stroke win over three others, including Charlie Wi. With his win at the LaCantera Course last year, Johnson joined a storied list of past champions that includes Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, Sam Snead and Arnold Palmer, who won the event three years in a row between 1960 and 1962. With a humble heart, Johnson dedicated the win to the many flood victims in his home state of Iowa.

**Strength of field at the 2009 Valero Texas Open** – In addition to Zach Johnson, a number of golf’s most recognizable names are also set to tee it up at the 2009 Valero Texas Open.

- Anthony Kim, 23, is scheduled to make his third career start at the 2009 Valero Texas Open, having finished T2 in his professional debut in 2006 playing on a Sponsor Exemption. Kim won twice last year and finished fourth in the final FedExCup standings. He also made headlines in his recent Masters debut where he finished T20, aided by a Masters-record 11 birdies en route to a second-round 65.
- Perhaps no-one has a stronger track record at the Valero Texas Open than three-time champion Justin Leonard. Leonard, who also finished runner-up in 1995 and 1998, is poised to make his 12th Valero Texas Open start after a T11 finish at LaCantera last year. After just his first 10 events this season, Leonard had amassed three top-10 finishes, including a solo fifth at the Mercedes-Benz Championship.
- Texas native Chad Campbell, who lost in a playoff to Angel Cabrera at the Masters, is scheduled to make his sixth appearance at the Valero Texas Open.
- Brian Gay, who blistered the field by 10 strokes at the Verizon Heritage in April, is also scheduled for a return to LaCantera GC. Gay has competed in every Valero Texas Open since 1999, with the exception of 2003. His best finish is a T10 in 2002.
- Pat Perez, whose father Tony is a native of San Antonio, claimed his first career PGA TOUR win earlier this year at the 50<sup>th</sup> Bob Hope Classic hosted by Arnold Palmer. Perez scheduled to make his fifth start at the Valero Texas Open in 2009. In addition to his win in Palm Springs this year, Perez has also posted a T4 finish at the Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard.
- San Antonio resident Cameron Beckman, who won the Frys.com Open last year, will play the Valero Texas Open for the 14<sup>th</sup> time. Beckman is looking for his first top-10 of the 2009 season, his best finish to date being a T15 at the Mayakoba Golf Classic.

**Inaugural Kodak Challenge continues at LaCantera Golf Club**

A first-of-its-kind competition for PGA TOUR players that offers \$1 million to the winner got underway at the season-opening Mercedes-Benz Championship. The Kodak Challenge celebrates beautiful holes and memorable moments on the PGA TOUR. There will be one designated Kodak Challenge Hole at 24 different PGA TOUR tournaments – with the Valero Texas open serving as part of the Challenge. Players, who must play at least 18 of the holes to be eligible, will count their lowest score relative to par on the Kodak Challenge Hole made during an official competition round. The player with the lowest cumulative score at the end of the challenge wins. For up-to-date standings, please visit [pgatour.com/kodakchallenge](http://pgatour.com/kodakchallenge). The 380-yard, par-four 16<sup>th</sup> will serve as the Kodak Challenge hole the week of the 2009 Valero Texas Open.