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News Release

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**13<sup>th</sup> Annual Boeing Classic Kicks Off Monday, Aug. 21 with Seahawks Rumble at The Ridge**

– Event unique across PGA TOUR gives NW fans chance to see Seahawks greats while benefitting worthy causes

*SEATTLE*, Aug. 17, 2017 – The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Boeing Classic will kick off Monday, Aug. 21 at 8:30 a.m. with Seahawks Rumble at The Ridge, which is a highlight of the yearly PGA TOUR Champions event that brings together friends from the professional sports industry and other guests to ‘tee it up’ for charity.

Since the Puget Sound region will experience a partial solar eclipse between 9:08-11:38 am, Rumble at The Ridge attendees are encouraged to bring protective eyewear. The tournament and golf course will not have eclipse viewing glasses for distribution or for sale.

Foursomes will be matched with one of 31 celebrities, which include former pro athletes and business leaders. Guests will be comprised of Seattle Seahawks Ring of Honor inductees, Pro Football Hall of Fame members, as well as former Seattle Mariners, Seattle SuperSonics, UW Huskies and WSU Cougars, including:

Sam Adkins

Jordan Babineaux

Mkristo Bruce

Larry Dickenson

Bobby Joe Edmonds

Nesby Glasgow

Jacob Green

Mike Haynes

Jake Heaps

Efren Herrera

Norm Johnson

Bill Krueger

Dave Krieg

Steve Largent

Mark Lee

Rian Lindell

Sean Locklear

Charly Martin

Sam McCullum

Lawyer Milloy

Randall Morris

Paul Moyer

Alan Mulally

Ray Pinney

Sidney Rice

Mack Strong

Jack Thompson

Slick Watts

Dan Wilson

Charle Young

Jim Zorn

– More –

“Seahawks Rumble at The Ridge will be a great way to kick off the week-long array of events that make up Boeing Classic,” said Executive Director Brian Flajole. “This partnership with the Seahawks is unique across the PGA TOUR and gives Northwest fans an up-close chance to see some Seahawks legends while raising money for very worthy causes.”

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### **About Boeing Classic**

*Boeing Classic is the Pacific Northwest’s premier annual PGA Tour Champions tournament, which is held at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge – Washington state’s only Jack Nickolas Signature Design course. Now in its 13th year, the charitable event has raised more than \$6 million over the last 12 years in support of Virginia Mason Foundation-funded health initiatives, primarily Benaroya Research Institute and its internationally recognized autoimmune disease advances. Other charitable benefactors include The First Tee of Greater Seattle and Pete Carroll’s ‘A Better Seattle’ initiative. For more information, visit [BoeingClassic.com](http://BoeingClassic.com).*

### **About The Boeing Company**

*The Boeing Company, Washington’s largest private employer, has been the title sponsor of this tournament since it began in 2005. Nearly half of Boeing’s global workforce is in Washington state and Boeing Classic is part of the company’s ongoing commitment to giving back to the communities where its employees live and work. For more information, visit [Boeing.com/Washington](http://Boeing.com/Washington).*

### **About Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason**

*Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason (BRI) is committed to eliminating autoimmune diseases such as type 1 diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, inflammatory bowel disease and multiple sclerosis, and immune system diseases such as allergies and asthma. An internationally recognized medical research institute, BRI accelerates discovery through laboratory breakthroughs in immunology that are then translated to clinical therapies. BRI is a leader of collaborative initiatives through the Immune Tolerance Network, Type 1 Diabetes TrialNet and other major cooperative research programs. For more information, visit [BenaroyaResearch.org](http://BenaroyaResearch.org).*

### **About A Better Seattle**

*Founded and led by Seahawks Head Coach, Pete Carroll, A Better Seattle (ABS), is an initiative working to reduce and prevent youth and gang violence in the Greater Seattle area. ABS funds and supports the deployment of YMCA of Seattle’s Alive & Free professional trained street outreach workers who serve youth impacted by gangs, violence and the juvenile justice system in South King County. For more information, visit [ABetterSeattle.com](http://ABetterSeattle.com).*