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## **For Immediate Release City of Garland to Host Tight Lies Tour Event**

Dallas, Texas, March 29, 2004 -- The Tight Lies Tour and the City of Garland, the title sponsor of the tournament, are delighted to announce the upcoming event in Garland, TX. The **Firewheel at Garland Classic** is scheduled for May 20-23, 2004 at the Firewheel at Garland golf course, a 63-hole publicly owned facility that will host the 72-hole event which will boast a \$120,000 purse for what is to be a strong field with approximately 156 touring pros from all over the country. Media day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19, 2004 at 11:00am. Tight Lies Tour professionals, staff members and representatives from the City of Garland will be available for interviews at that time.

“Firewheel has hosted many fine events, including the Nitro Texas State Open, PGA Tour Qualifying, and U.S. Open Qualifying,” said Don Kennedy, Director of Firewheel. “None is more exciting than hosting the Tight Lies Tour professionals. We hope to provide them with a truly memorable experience.”

“We are extremely excited to have the Tight Lies Tour event in Garland,” said Michael Holden, Mayor Pro Tem and City Council member representing District 1. “In addition to an excellent golf facility, we have great people managing the golf courses. We believe that everyone involved will have a great time. When people in the Metroplex think of Firewheel they think of a first class facility. This tournament gives us an opportunity to show the rest of Texas what we already know!”

Gary DeSerrano, president of the Tight Lies Tour said, “We couldn’t be happier to announce our new partnership with the city of Garland and the Firewheel at Garland GC. The city of Garland has stepped up to the plate and not only offers a first class host course in Firewheel at Garland - The Bridges, but the location of the event is perfect for our Texas base. I am confident the event will be well received by local sponsors and the Tight Lies Tour professionals.”

In operation since 1994, the Tight Lies Tour represents one of the best development opportunities for golf professionals to hone their competitive skills, while preparing for a life on the PGA Tours. Twelve of the Tight Lies Tour’s prior graduates have earned PGA Tour cards. It was, in fact, the scene of now three-time PGA Tour winner Tim Herron’s first professional victory. Other PGA players who began their pro careers with the Tight Lies Tour include Harrison Frazar, Jason Hill and PGA Tour winners J.L. Lewis and Cameron Beckman. In addition, more than 50 previous Tight Lies players have since gone on to earn playing privileges on the PGA’s Nationwide Tour. In 2003 the following Tight Lies Tour pros earned their cards. Jeff Klein, PGA Tour card, Ryan Palmer, Mark Walker and Chad Lydiatt, Nationwide Tour card. In 2004 Kris Cox, Kevin Muncrief and Brian Kortan, Tight Lies Tour professionals earned their PGA card while Jimmy Walker, Scott Gutschewski, Ryan Hietala and Hunter Haas earned their Nationwide card. The Tight Lies Tour currently conducts eighteen professional golf tournaments in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

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Garland, Texas, population 221,000, offers the atmosphere of a small town plus all the conveniences of a larger metropolitan city. Located 15 miles northeast of downtown Dallas, Garland is the second largest city in Dallas County, the tenth largest city in Texas, and the eighty-third largest in the United States - a self-sustaining city covering 57 square miles.

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