

2009 FORD WAYNE GRETZKY CLASSIC PRESENTED BY SAMSUNG

Tournament Facts

Coming to Thornbury, ON, July 6-12, 2009 the Ford Wayne Gretzky Classic presented by Samsung will provide fans with the opportunity to watch 160 professionals play with celebrities and amateurs in a pro-am style tournament. As an official Nationwide Tour stop, players will be competing for one of the year's largest purses at \$800,099, with all four rounds televised LIVE on the Golf Channel. Two courses will host the tournament – the Georgian Bay Club and The Raven Golf Club at Lora bay – with proceeds from the tournament to benefit the Wayne Gretzky Foundation.

- **Purse:** \$800,099
- **Locations:** Georgian Bay Club, Clarksburg, Ontario (Par 71, 7139 yards)
Raven Golf Club at Lora Bay, Thornbury, Ontario (Par 72, 7105 yards)
- **Format:** Pro-am, pairing 160 professionals with celebrities and amateurs
- **Attendance:** Estimated to exceed 10,000
- **Volunteers:** Estimated again at over 650 from the local community
- **Broadcasted:** LIVE on The Golf Channel
- **Celebrities:** Wayne Gretzky, Janet Gretzky, Charles Barkley, Brett Hull, Javier Colon, Gino Reda, Damon Allen, Donovan Bailey, Cassie Campbell, Catriona Lemay Doan, Bob McCown, Darren Pang, Gino Reda, Marty Turco

2008 Winners

- **Pro:** Justin Hicks, winner on the first playoff hole, with a 16-under 269
Casey Wittenberg, runner-up, with a 269
- **Celebrity:** Brett Hull, winner with a 13-under 235 (partnered with Colt Knost)
- **Amateur:** Tom Turner, winner with 7-under 239

Prizes

- Tournament winner purse totaled \$144,017.82 (Justin Hicks)
- Celebrity and Amateur winners both received a brand new 2009 Ford Flex from Ford of Canada

Sponsors

- **Title:** Ford of Canada
- **Presenting:** Samsung Canada
- **Founding:** Scotiabank Group
- **Additional:** Fairmont Hotels and Resorts; Corona; IMI; Y&R; Marquis Jet; Boston Pizza; Crescent Point Energy Group; Grey Goose; Georgian Bay Club; Raven Golf Club at Lora Bay; City TV, FAN 590; Rogers Sportsnet

Proceeds

- Tournament proceeds benefit the Wayne Gretzky Foundation

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Put Every Kid in the Game

Perhaps the most famous coaching advice in all of hockey came from Walter Gretzky. He told his son not to focus on where the puck is, but where the puck is going. That's good advice for life too. The puck is going to our kids. Our future. Hockey is our game. It promotes fitness and personal development. That's why the Wayne Gretzky Foundation is focused on putting hockey and well being within every kid's reach. It's not just about equipping kids for hockey. It's about equipping kids for life. You're guaranteed to miss one hundred percent of the shots you don't take. Every kid deserves a shot. Let's put every kid in the game.