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MISTWOOD GOLF CLUB'S DIRECTOR OF GOLF ANDY MICKELSON WINS 2016 TAYLORMADE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AT PEBBLE BEACH

CHICAGO, March 23, 2016 -- Andy Mickelson, Director of Golf at <u>Mistwood Golf Club</u> in Romeoville, Illinois, added to his recent victory streak by capturing the 2016 TaylorMade National Championship at Pebble Beach Golf Links at Pebble Beach Resorts, California. The two-day tournament was held March 9-10 at Spyglass Hill Golf Course and Pebble Beach Golf Links.

Mickelson shot a 2-under-par total of 142 and then won a three-man playoff on the first playoff hole, beating Jaysen Hansen of Beechmont Country Club in Cleveland and Shawn Warren of Falmouth Country Club in Falmouth, Maine. Mickelson won \$15,000 for the top professional score in the event, defeating 44 of the nation's top club professional golfers.

Mickelson, a club professional on Mistwood's staff, also won the 39th National Car Rental PGA Assistant Championship in October 2015 at the PGA Golf Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla. In that tournament he shot a 16-under-par total of 272 to defeat a field of other assistant club professionals from throughout the country.

"We are excited by Andy's recent success in national golf tournaments," said Dan Bradley, General Manager at Mistwood Golf Club. "Andy and the other members of our professional staff provide a high level of golf instruction and coaching to their students. Andy's success in national tournaments shows that he is a great player as well as a great coach."

With his victory at Pebble Beach, Mickelson received an exemption to the TaylorMade Pebble Beach Invitational in November 2016, where he will compete for a \$300,000 purse against a field that includes players from the PGA Tour, the Champions Tour, the LPGA Tour and the Web.com tour.

"Winning the National Car Rental PGA Assistant Championship was a wonderful and unexpected experience," said Mickelson, a former playing professional on the Hooters tour. "I hadn't played in a major, four-round tournament in nearly 10 years. To follow that up with the victory at the TaylorMade National Championship is equally thrilling and rewarding."

Following a multi-million-dollar upgrade, Mistwood Golf Club recently was honored by Golf Magazine as its "Renovation of the Year," as well as being recognized by Golf Digest as "Best New Course." Designed and renovated by golf course architect Ray Hearn, Mistwood features 20 St. Andrews-style, sod-wall bunkers, bringing a feeling of Scotland to the Midwest. There are five separate tees on each hole, with the course measuring more than 7,000 yards from its championship tees.

Owner Jim McWethy's renovation includes a new, 5,000-square-foot Performance Center at the foot of a driving range named by Golf Range Magazine as one of the "Top 50 Public Ranges." A new, Scottishstyle, 26,000-square-foot clubhouse helps make Mistwood Golf Club one of the best golf courses and facilities in Illinois. For more information, contact 815-254-3333 or e-mail <u>info@mistwoodgc.com</u>.



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