



Reno-Tahoe Open

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JOHN SANDE III TO CHAIR RENO-TAHOE OPEN FOUNDATION

RENO, Nev. (Nov. 21, 2005)—The Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation, the non-profit organization charged with the annual Reno-Tahoe Open PGA Tournament, has selected John Sande III, partner with Jones Vargas law firm based in Reno, Nev., to chair the foundation. Sande replaces Fred Boyd who was the chair of the foundation for the last seven years.

"The Reno-Tahoe Open is something I've been very passionate about and I'm excited that I can transfer that passion to help support the tournament staff to continue to develop the event, increase sponsorships and enlarge attendance," said Sande. "Our goal is to turn the 2006 tournament into a destination experience and secure local support for 2007 and beyond."

As a partner with Jones Vargas, Sande primarily practices in the areas of Administrative Law and Trusts and Estates. As part of his practice, he appears regularly before the Nevada Legislature representing a variety of clients, including, but not limited to, Harrah's Hotels & Casinos, International Game Technology, Nevada Franchised Auto Dealers Association, SBC, Western States Petroleum Association, the Washoe County Airport Authority and the Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority. He is General Counsel for the Nevada Bankers Association, a Trustee for the William F. Harrah Trusts, a Director for Employers Insurance Group of Nevada and Chairman of the Board for First Independent Bank of Nevada. He has also served as a Director for Bank of America Nevada (Valley Bank of Nevada) (1985-1994).

Sande is actively involved in the Reno-Sparks community including roles as Director of the Reno Air Race Association, founding member of the Montréux Golf & Country Club Board of Governors, Co-Chair of the KNPB Channel 5 Capital Campaign and a Trustee of the William F. Harrah Automobile Foundation (1979 to 1995). He also served on the Stanford University Athletic Board from 2000-2005.

Sande joins the foundation board represented by individuals from Eldorado Hotel Casino, International Gaming Technology, Montréux Golf & Country Club, Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority and Sierra Pacific Resources.

The 2006 Reno-Tahoe Open PGA TOUR is scheduled for Aug. 21-27, 2006 at Montréux Golf & Country Club in Reno and is broadcast nationally on The Golf Channel. Now in its eighth year, the tournament is the only PGA TOUR event in northern Nevada and features a field of 132 PGA TOUR professionals competing for a \$3 million purse. The Reno-Tahoe Open is operated and managed by the Reno-Tahoe Open Foundation comprised of its members including the Eldorado Hotel Casino, International Gaming Technology, Montréux Golf & Country Club, Reno-Sparks Convention and Visitors Authority and Sierra Pacific Resources.

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