

# 46 touring golf pros committed to PAL

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J.P. McCarthy might be his own winner of the day on July 28 when the ninth Annual J.P. McCarthy PAL Invitational Golf Tournament arrives at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

So far, 46 touring professionals have committed to play.

"If I could get the top 50 money winners on the tour, I'd get them," said Tom Andre, one of three tournament chairmen and a member of the PAL board of directors.

"The better the field, the better the attraction, the bigger the gallery, and the more money for PAL. That's the realistic side.

"But on the practical side, we take people who will relate well with the audience and to the players, who are paying \$500 to play. (The tournament format features fiveesomes which include one celebrity each).

"These people want to play with someone who will give them a tip and be cohesive with the group," Andre said. "That way we get that player back next year.

AND THE LPGA players? "We can't

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get them. We'd like to have the names — Jan Stephenson, Nancy Lopez Melton and Pat Bradley. But their agents won't let them come to some pro-am unless they're paid. Their property is very expensive.

Despite the tournament's historic emphasis on (and success in) attracting

a large field, PAL still makes it a point to remind the pros that they've committed.

"We circulate among the pros at all the tournaments we can, making sure they're healthy and that they're still coming," Andre said. "They don't bother to contact us to tell us they're

not coming."

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Tournament tickets, priced at \$8, are on sale at all CTC outlets and most major stores. Call 224-4080 for more information.

THOSE PROFESSIONALS committed to play include Wally Armstrong, George Bayer, Homero Blancas, Pete Brown, Rex Caldwell, Bobby Clampett,

Ben Davis, Jim Dent, Terry Diehl, David Eger, Lee Elder, Randy Erskine, Marlene Floyd, Gary Groh, Morris Hatalsky, Jerry Heard, Larry Hinson, Babe Hickey, Jim Jamieson, Lynn Janson, George Johnson, Rick Massengale, Mark McCumber, Jerry McGee.

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