

PGA event stays at Sugarloaf through 2030

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Mitsubishi Electric US, Inc. and PGA Tour Champions announced a five-year partnership extension Thursday that comes with great news for Gwinnett County golf fans.

The new deal will keep the Mitsubishi Electric Classic presented by Vensure — the county's annual PGA Tour Champions golf tournament — at TPC Sugarloaf in Duluth through 2030. Mitsubishi has been the event's title sponsor since 2016.

"We are thrilled to continue our partnership with Mitsubishi Electric," said Mitsubishi Electric Classic executive director Monte Ortel. "Their commitment to our event and the community has been unwavering, and this extension allows us to build on the success we've achieved together. The Mitsubishi Electric Classic presented by Vensure has featured incredible golf while making a tremendous impact in Gwinnett County and we look forward to many more years of entertaining fans and making a difference in this community."

The 2025 Mitsubishi Electric Classic is scheduled for the week of April 21-27 at TPC Sugarloaf.

Stephen Ames has won the tournament the past two seasons.

In addition to supporting the Gwinnett tournament, Mitsubishi also extended its agreement with the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. It has served as title sponsor of that event since 2009.

"PGA Tour Champions is proud to continue building upon our wonderful partnership with Mitsubishi Electric, which dates more than 15 years. The success of both tournaments is a testament to the shared values and vision between our organizations," said PGA Tour Champions president Miller Brady. "Everyone involved in our tour looks forward to starting the season at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Four Seasons Resort Hualalai each year with exceptional hospitality at a breathtaking course providing the perfect start to the year, while the Mitsubishi Electric Classic presented by Vensure at TPC Sugarloaf has proven to be a premier event on our schedule, showcasing top-tier competition and community engagement. We are incredibly grateful for the fantastic relationship that we have had with Mitsubishi Electric and look forward to an even brighter future together."



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Stephen Ames tees off on the fifth hole at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic at TPC Sugarloaf on April 28, 2024.



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Stewart Cink discusses his new role as host of the PGA Tour Champions' Mitsubishi Electric Classic presented by Vensure at TPC Sugarloaf during a media event March 25, 2024 at TopGolf Buford.

Metro Atlanta YMCA locations are waiving joining fees for new members this month

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Gwinnettians whose New Year's resolution is to get in better shape can join their local YMCA this month without having to pay an extra fee to join.

The YMCA of Metro Atlanta announced this week that it has waived its joining fee for new members who sign up through Jan. 31. People who take advantage of the offer will be able to access all of the 19 YMCA locations in the metro area, including two

in Gwinnett.

"For those interested in starting their wellness journey in the new year, we encourage you to join us at the Y and find what moves you toward your goals," said Lauren Koontz, president and CEO of the YMCA of Metro Atlanta.

"The Y is committed to promoting healthy living and aims to help our members improve their physical activity, self-confidence and emotional well-being in a safe, welcoming environment."

The YMCA offers teen, adult, young adult,

senior adult, family and senior couple memberships. Anyone who is interested in joining can do so by visiting ymcaatlanta.org/join.

YMCA members have access to fitness and aquatics facilities, group exercise classes and complimentary childcare among other benefits.

They can also use the YMCA360 on-demand exercise and wellness video platform as well as the six-month one-on-one Coach Approach exercise support program that teaches members how to start and con-



continue an exercise plan.

YMCA locations in Gwinnett County include the J.M. Tull-Gwinnett Family YMCA, which is located at 2985 Sugarloaf Parkway in Lawrenceville, and the Robert D. Fowler Family YMCA, which is located at 5600 W. Jones Bridge Road in Peachtree Corners.

INTENT TO OPT OUT OF HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION

The Mayor and Council intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for the City of Snellville.

All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at Snellville City Hall, 2342 Oak Road, Snellville GA 30078 on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.

Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are at Snellville City Hall, 2342 Oak Road, Snellville GA 30078 on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. and on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

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The Town of Braselton intends to opt out of the statewide adjusted base year ad valorem homestead exemption for Town of Braselton. All concerned citizens are invited to the public hearing on this matter to be held at Braselton Courtroom in the Braselton Police and Municipal Court building at 5040 Highway 53 on January 9, 2025 at 4 pm. Times and places of additional public hearings on this matter are in the same location on February 6, 2025 at 4 pm and February 10, 2025 at 6 pm.