

Masterful Mickelson back

Par-3 Shootout field includes Masters winner, defending champ Zoeller

GAYLORD — The reigning Masters champion is coming to northern Michigan.

Phil Mickelson, fresh off winning his first major in thrilling fashion at Augusta, will return to Gaylord for the Tylenol Par-3 Shootout on June 28-29 on the highly-acclaimed Threetops Course at Treetops Resort.

Fun-loving Fuzzy Zoeller will also be back to defend his title against the same cast from last year — Fred Couples, Lee Trevino and Mickelson.

The event will be aired on tape-delay by ESPN from 10 p.m. to midnight. Roger Twibell will be joined by Charlie Rymer in the booth for the telecast while Bill Kratzert will serve as the on-course reporter.

The purse for the 18-hole tournament is \$540,000 and an additional \$1 million bonus is available for every hole-in-one. (Trevino won the \$1 million bonus in 2001 when he aceed the 138-yard 7th hole). Each hole is worth \$20,000, with a \$10,000 bonus for the player hitting his shot closest to the pin. If the hole is not won, the money carries over to the next hole. If the hole is won, the player doesn't get the money unless he validates it on the next hole by either winning or tying the low score. No validation is necessary on playoff holes.

Tickets, priced at \$50 for the two days, or \$30 for each day, went on sale April 1 and can be



Fuzzy Zoeller won \$330,000 at last year's Shootout.

purchased online at www.treetops.com or by calling (989) 732-6711, ext. 2499.

"These four players put on a spectacular show last year," said Rick Smith, the owner and managing partner of Treetops Resort. "They are terrific players and know how to entertain. We are fortunate to have all of them return."

Zoeller won the 2003 title by winning (and validating) three holes for \$330,000. His key validation came at the 14th hole when he had to validate \$100,000 after winning the 13th hole. He hit short of the green, but chipped to within three feet and made the putt.

"I pulled that one out of my hat," Zoeller said. "The important thing was that I won the right to come back and I appreciate that. I'm looking forward

to it."

Trevino and Couples tied for second with \$90,000 each, and Mickelson finished fourth with \$30,000.

Zoeller, one of golf's most entertaining players, won 10 tournaments on the PGA Tour, including the 1979 Masters and the 1984 U.S. Open. He joined the Champions Tour in 2002 and has collected two titles, the 2002 Senior PGA Championship and the 2004 MasterCard Championship.

Couples, one of golf's most popular players, was a candidate for Comeback Player of the Year after a strong season that saw him register his 15th PGA Tour victory. He is a major championship winner — 1992 Masters — and also winner of

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