



Cedar River Golf Club. Shanty Creek to host PGA events

BELLAIRE — Shanty Creek will be the host to two of Northern Michigan's premier PGA tournaments — the popular Shanty Creek PGA Classic as well as the Michigan Section PGA Championship.

"We're really excited about 2004 golf at Shanty Creek," Shanty golf pro Roger Bliss said. "Last year's Classic and PGA Championship were such a great time – we can't wait to do it again this year."

The Shanty Creek PGA Classic will be held July12-13. A pro-am will take place on July 11 with the main tournament set for July 12-13. The first round will include two-man best ball play on Cedar River Golf Club, while the second round will be a two-man scramble on the Schuss course.

The Michigan PGA Championship will run from Aug. 23-25. Highlights will include a pro-am Aug. 20-22 sponsored by the Detroit Newspapers and the main tournament Aug. 23-25.

More than 200 Michigan PGA professionals will take part in individual stroke play on The Legend and Cedar River courses. After the first two rounds, the field will be cut to the 70 lowest scoring players (plus ties) for the final round at Cedar River on Aug. 25.

Bliss said the number, quality and varying personalities of Shanty's courses is a prime attraction.

"There's a reason we've been named the best golf resort in Michigan by the Detroit News Readers' Poll," Bliss said. "I'm convinced it has to do with the fact that golfers have four beautiful courses to choose from and each provides a different kind of golfing experience."

Sprinkled throughout the resort's 4,500-acre spread are four championship courses — the Cedar River Golf Club, designed by Tom Weiskopf; The Legend, designed by Arnold Palmer; Schuss Mountain Golf Club, annually named one of the top public courses in Michigan; and Summit Golf Club, a William Diddel-designed gem.