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LPGA returning to Mobile in May

Magnolia Grove to host Bell Micro Classic May 13-16

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The second Bell Micro LPGA Classic at Magnolia Grove's recently renovated Crossings Course will be played May 13-16, the Press-Register has learned.

The four-day, 72-hole tournament will cap a week of activities that begin May 10, including practice rounds and a pro-am.

The first Bell Micro was played in September 2008 and was originally scheduled to be played again Oct. 8-11 this year. But the LPGA decided to move the tournament to the spring of 2010.

"We are excited about the spring date," said Magnolia Grove director of golf Paul Martino.

"That will allow the golf course to mature more at that time of year."

The Crossings Course re-opened Monday after being closed since early December for more than \$5 million in renovations.

The May date also should be better for fans, Martino said.

"It takes us out of football season and the spring is such a good time here in Mobile," he said. "I think the players are going to like this date a lot more than previous dates we've had."

The LPGA won't officially announce its tournament dates until mid-November.

The Bell Micro replaced the former Mitchell Company LPGA Tournament of Champions in Mobile. The Bell Micro is a full-field event while the TOC was an invitational always played in the fall.

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