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### **Pinnacle Bank Championship Announces Korn Ferry Tour Schedule Change**

**OMAHA, Neb.** – The Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna along with the Korn Ferry Tour announce the Championship’s dates on the annual Tour schedule. Beginning in 2023, the Championship will take place on August 7 – 13, 2023.

“The Pinnacle Bank Championship presented by Aetna has become a staple event for this community and we look forward to continuing to make a charitable impact”, said Chris Wendlandt, Senior Vice President of Pinnacle Bank. “We appreciate the support of the sponsors, partners, volunteers and community with a record-high attendance in 2022 of 45,656.”

Following changes to the Korn Ferry Tour schedule, only 30 PGA TOUR Cards will be awarded at the Korn Ferry Tour Championship presented by United Leasing and Finance on October 8<sup>th</sup> 2023.

“We thoroughly enjoyed the two years as the Korn Ferry Tour Regular Season Finale”, said Jessica Brabec, Tournament Director. “We look forward to 2023, where we again have the chance to showcase our community on a large scale and continue to benefit local charities. Our charitable contributions to date total more than \$460,000 and we are excited to share soon how that number has grown.”

Due to the adjusted Korn Ferry Tour schedule, the Pinnacle Bank Championship will again be able to handout local exemptions. There is now a total of six opportunities for players to qualify into the Championship:

- Winner of the Nebraska Qualifier: Monday, July 17, 2023, at Firethorn Golf Club (participants are not required to have Korn Ferry Tour status)
- Winner of the Indian Creek Invitational: Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9, 2023 (participants are not required to have Korn Ferry Tour status)

- There will be two Monday-qualifying events for those with Korn Ferry Tour status trying to get into the field:
  - Competition at Highlands Golf Course (Lincoln, NE): Monday, August 7, 2023
  - Competition at Wilderness Ridge Golf Course (Lincoln, NE): Monday, August 7, 2023
- The Championship also will have two restricted exemptions available to award into the event. Applicants must hold some status on the Korn Ferry Tour to apply.

“We look forward to having the winner of the Indian Creek Invitational represented in the Pinnacle Bank Championship field. This provides Nebraska golfers a chance to compete on the Korn Ferry Tour”, said Indian Creek Owner, Bill Gottsch.

The success of the Korn Ferry Tour has also been shown through its significant increases to the purses over the past few seasons. In 2022, the Pinnacle Bank Championship had a total purse of \$850,000 paid out to players who made the cut. Starting in 2023, the Championship will have a total purse of \$1,000,000.

The Club at Indian Creek has been consistently named among the players as the top course played each year.

“The Club at Indian Creek layout and course management is the premier stop on the Korn Ferry Tour”, said Jessica Brabec, Tournament Director. “We are excited to continue working with their staff and the more than 550 volunteers we are fortunate to have help Omaha host this professional event.”

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#### **ABOUT THE PINNACLE BANK CHAMPIONSHIP PRESENTED BY AETNA**

The Pinnacle Bank Championship is a stop on the PGA TOUR’s Korn Ferry Tour in Omaha, Nebraska, and will be held August 7-13, 2023, at The Club at Indian Creek. The event features a purse of \$1,000,000 and was awarded the 2018 Korn Ferry Tour’s Truck Award and 2017 Korn Ferry Tour’s Tournament Rookie of the Year Award in its inaugural year. To date, the Pinnacle Bank Championship has contributed more than \$500,000 to local children’s charities.

#### **ABOUT PINNACLE BANK**

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