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TOP 3 CANTERBURY GOLF COURSES COME TOGETHER TO PUT REGION'S GOLF ON WORLD MAP

Canterbury's top three championship golf courses have joined forces to promote the best of golf in the region to international visitors, with a unique opportunity to play and experience three 18-hole resort courses for a fantastic price.

Normally valued at \$500.00, for a limited time only the Canterbury Resort Golf Pass will provide international visitors with the opportunity to play three leading courses – Pegasus Golf Course, Terrace Downs Resort and Clearwater - for the bargain price of just \$299.00.

The Canterbury Resort Golf Pass can be purchased from any one of the three courses' pro shops, or by contacting any of the courses directly via phone or email. The pass is valid from 1 July through to 31 March 2011.

Pegasus Golf Course, home of the 2010 Pegasus NZ Women's Open, is a par 72 international standard, 18-hole parklands style golf course located at the new town of Pegasus, 25 kms north of Christchurch and three minutes drive from the beach. Shaped by 11 feature lakes, maturing trees and wetlands and framed by views of the Port Hills, Mount Grey and the Pacific Coast, the course reflects a modern take on classic golf course design and provides players of all abilities with a choice on the degree of risk and reward.

Jenny Lake, Business Development Manager of Pegasus Golf Course, said she was excited to offer this initiative for the overseas golfer.

"With its opening in December 2009, Pegasus is the newest course to open in New Zealand, and having these three magnificent courses in Christchurch and Canterbury makes the South Island an extremely attractive golfing destination," said Ms Lake.

Clearwater's par 72 championship course is home to the NZ PGA Championship. Designed by John Darby in consultation with New Zealand golfing legend, Sir Bob Charles, the course combines elements of links golf – inspired by the great Scottish courses - with parkland golf, more reminiscent

of Florida. Playable year-round, the course meanders around a succession of spring-fed lakes and trout-filled streams, with uninterrupted views of the spectacular Southern Alps. There are five tee positions to suit players of all abilities.

Clearwater General Manager Steven Power said Clearwater has established itself as New Zealand's premier lifestyle resort. "We are pleased to be offering golfers the opportunity to experience Clearwater while also partaking in rounds at Terrace Downs and Pegasus. The aim of the offer is to entice golfers and their partners to Canterbury to sample the best of the region," Mr Power said.

Terrace Downs Resort makes for the ultimate year-round golfing and leisure destination. The Resort's par 72, 18-hole championship golf course is rated as one of the top courses in New Zealand. Based at the foothills of the Southern Alps, just a 50 minute drive from Christchurch international airport, there are very few scenic alpine courses like it.

Jon Doherty, Director of Sales and Marketing for Terrace Downs Resort said it was great to be working with both Clearwater and Pegasus to jointly entice international visitors to stay and play in Canterbury more than they may have otherwise. "It's a great initiative as everybody wins, and it will hopefully create some offshore buzz for golf in Canterbury," Mr Doherty said.

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