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LEE HODGES WINS \$10,000 FOR CHARITY FROM TRAVELERS IN THE UMBRELLA AT 15 ½ CHALLENGE

HARTFORD, Conn., June 21, 2023 – PGA TOUR pro Lee Hodges hit his shot 11 ½ inches from the pin, close enough to win The Umbrella at 15 ½ Challenge, the highlight of Tuesday's Travelers Championship practice round at TPC River Highlands.

The shot by Hodges earned \$10,000 for the charity of his choice on behalf of Travelers. He selected the Athens, Alabama-based Stacy Wolfe Breast Cancer Foundation, a charity based in his hometown that meets immediate needs for cancer patients and their families. Hodges was presented with a ceremonial check on Wednesday by Travelers Championship Tournament Director Nathan Grube and Andy Bessette, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer at Travelers.

Of the 71 players who chose to participate in the closest-to-the-pin contest, 17 landed a ball on the 40-foot-long floating green in the shape of the Travelers red umbrella logo. The Umbrella at 15 ½ is located in the pond at TPC River Highlands between holes 15 and 16.

The other players keeping it on the green after the 85-yard shot were Ludvig Aberg, Joseph Bramlett, Matt Fitzpatrick, Brian Harman, Lucas Herbert, Sungjae Im, Michael Kim, Russell Knox, Ryan Palmer, C.T. Pan, Sam Ryder, Alex Smalley, Kevin Streelman, Andrew Svoboda, Dylan Wu and Carson Young.

Jeff Willett, the caddie for Matthias Schwab, won the prize in the caddie closest to the pin competition.

Kim and Smalley are previous winners of The Umbrella at 15 ½ Challenge, joining Justin Rose, Chad Campbell, Ricky Barnes, Ben Kohles, Richard H. Lee, Graham DeLaet, Brian Gay, John Huh, Lanto Griffin, J.J. Spaun and Scott Stallings.

About the Travelers Championship

The Travelers Championship, held in Cromwell, Connecticut, is the only PGA TOUR event in New England for 2023 and is part of the FedExCup series. The tournament has been selected by the PGA TOUR as a designated event with an elevated purse in 2023 and appearances from many of the TOUR's most popular players. The Travelers Championship has a rich history of supporting the community and donates 100% of its net proceeds to charities. More than \$25 million has been generated by the tournament for nearly 900 local charities since 2007, when Travelers became title sponsor. Travelers, a leading provider of property and casualty insurance for [auto](#), [home](#) and [business](#), is the Official Property Casualty Insurance Provider of the PGA TOUR. The company has been a corporate sponsor of this event each year since its inception in 1952 and has been doing business in the Hartford community for more than 160 years. Tournament details are available at TravelersChampionship.com.

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