Waste Industries and Progressive Waste Solutions to Co-Host the 2014 EREF Fall Classic & Networking Event

Raleigh, NC (July 22, 2014) – The 2014 Environmental Research & Education Foundation (EREF) Fall Classic & Networking Event – to be held Thursday, October 2 at Pinehurst in North Carolina – will be co-hosted by Waste Industries and Progressive Waste Solutions. The golf tournament will kick off with a Welcome Reception on the evening of Wednesday, October 1. The tournament itself will begin at 9:00 am on Thursday and will be held on Pinehurst No. 1. The tournament will be preceded by a Breakfast and followed by an Awards Luncheon. All proceeds from the tournament will support EREF’s mission, which is carried out by providing scholarships, continuing education and grants for solid waste research.

Pinehurst hosted the 2014 U.S. Open and U.S. Women’s Open Championships in back-to-back weeks this year. Pinehurst is considered one of America’s greatest golf courses and premier resorts. When Pinehurst No. 1 welcomed players in 1898, golf aficionados flocked from the North to enjoy a winter round (early visitors included John D. Rockefeller and President William McKinley). Dr. Leroy Culver built the first nine holes and John Dunn Tucker added the next nine, but it is clearly Donald Ross’s touch that you feel on Pinehurst’s first golf course with his liberal use of bunkers, both across the fairway and around the green.

“Waste Industries is honored to welcome our industry colleagues back to Pinehurst in support of EREF’s mission,” said Ven Poole, Chief Executive Officer of Waste Industries. “EREF is the largest source of funding for solid waste research in North America and is one of the largest providers of graduate scholarships related to solid waste management in the world.”

"Progressive Waste Solutions supports EREF’s mission to fund and direct scientific research and educational initiatives,” said Joe Quarin, President and Chief Executive Officer of Progressive Waste Solutions. "As the field of solid waste management continues to change, EREF is providing the knowledge we need to succeed.”

The format for the Golf Tournament will be Captain’s Choice. Players on the first and second place teams will receive crystal commemoratives and a framed team photo. Hole-in-one prizes will be given at all par 3s, including the chance to win $50,000 cash. There will also be other prize winning opportunities, including the chance to win a $10,000 putting contest.

Player Registration Sold Out, Sponsorship Opportunities Still Available
The cost to participate in the sold out tournament is $1,000 per player, $3,600 per foursome. Guest registration is still available at $400 for those wishing to attend the reception, breakfast and luncheon but not play golf. Reception-only registration, also still available, is $200.
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