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CVS/pharmacy Challenge Announces Two Sponsor Exemptions

Danville, CA (September 14, 2009) – The CVS/pharmacy Challenge announced today that Amanda Blumenherst and Kim Welch have been awarded sponsor's exemptions enabling them to compete in the tournament scheduled for September 24 – 27 at Blackhawk Country Club.

Blumenherst turned professional in 2009 after a very successful amateur career. Her amateur career included winning the 2008 U.S. Women's Amateur Championship, representing the United States on the winning Curtis Cup team in both 2008 and 2006 and winning Low Amateur honors at the 2006 U.S. Women's Open. Blumenherst was the recipient of the Nancy Lopez Award, given to the Most Outstanding Female Amateur, in 2007, 2008.



Blumenherst

Welch, who also received a sponsor's exemption for the 2008 tournament, turned professional in 2009. Originally from Sacramento, CA, Welch attended the Washington State University where she recorded 29 top-10 finishes, including 11 wins in NCAA competition. Welch also competed in and won the Golf Channel's *Big Break: Ka'anapali series* in 2008.



Welch

"We are excited to welcome both Amanda and Kim to our field this year. They are both great competitors and have had very impressive amateur careers," explained Brian Flajole, Tournament Director, CVS/pharmacy Challenge.

For additional information on the tournament, visit www.cvslpga.com or call (925) 725-0148.