



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
May 18, 2009

Contact: Jeanne Brown
703-964-7414

Charity Golf Tournament Announces Winners *Money Raised Supports Area Youth Environmental Education Programs*

The Newton Marasco Foundation (NMF), held its 7th annual Greater Washington Eco-Golf Classic on Friday, April 24, at Stonewall Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia.

The tournament was a huge success. The weather was beautiful and the field was filled with 144 players. Golfers were delighted to meet celebrity guest **former Redskin Doc Walker**. After a day on the links, golfers and non-golfers alike headed to a networking reception, dinner and a live auction led by **“Voice of the Redskins” Mark Kessler**. Vacation packages to the U.S. Virgin Islands, Charleston, S.C. and Wintergreen Resort, were among the popular auction items of the day.

The winning foursome included Ian Olson, Craig Strong, Kyle Tanger, and Chip Jones. In addition, prizes were awarded for Closest to the Pin, Closest to the Jack, Men’s and Women’s Longest Drive and the Putting Contest. Ourisman Fairfax Toyota generously donated a 2009 Prius as the prize for winner of the Hole In One Contest.

To show their commitment to our troops and provide a little R & R, NMF’s board of directors invited veterans to golf at the tournament. This year, **six Marines from the Wounded Warriors Regiment**, Quantico, were sponsored. Each Marine has proudly served in Iraq and Afghanistan and several will be returning for another tour.

The day’s activities raised over \$70,000 to support NMF’s hands-on environmental education efforts. Its *Field It* programs encourage area students to actively improve the environment by initiating school energy conservation and recycling programs, restoring wetlands, and planting rain and native gardens around their schools. Its *EnGAUGE It* program teaches students how to educate their communities about saving our environment and lives by maintaining proper tire pressure. NMF, committed to inspiring the next generation of environmental stewards, donates its award-winning *Green Earth* environmental books to area schools and libraries and celebrates nature by sponsoring environmental art and literature contests.

“I am so gratified to see the players in the environmental industry unite once again for a common cause!” said NMF President Amy Marasco Newton. “Each year our growing list of sponsor companies compete with each other on the golf course, rather than in the workplace. The \$70,000 they contributed supports our programs and exemplifies their commitment to the environment and our future generation of stewards!”

(MORE)

The tournament would not have been possible without the support of leading Title Sponsors Project Performance Corp., Tetra Tech, SRA's Environmental and Organizational Services Division, and Booz Allen Hamilton; and Green Sponsors The Ambit Group, FMJ Financial Services, Inc., Greenberg Traurig, and Sentech, Inc.

Other sponsors included: McDermott, Will & Emery; Former Marasco Newton Group Management Team, Wachovia Securities, Career Smith, Deep Water Point, Eagle Instruments, The Hatcher Group, Clear Carbon Consulting the David Newton Family, as well as over 30 Beverage Cart and Hole sponsors.

The tournament is held each year on the last Friday in April. Next year's Greater Washington Eco-Golf Classic is scheduled for April 30, 2010.

###

The Newton Marasco Foundation's mission is to inspire responsible environmental stewardship. NMF designs innovative programs that foster learning, appreciation and caring for our natural environment. The foundation promotes awareness and responsibility for the environment by individuals, schools, businesses and communities. The foundation educates companies on sustainable green business practices and promotes the conservation and restoration of unique community ecosystems and habitats. The foundation conducts award programs that recognize small deeds and great acts that promote environmental awareness and further sustainable, environmental solutions. For more information, visit www.newtonmarascofoundation.org.

Photo Captions

Photo 1:

“Voice of the Redskins” Mark Kessler, NMF Chairman Peter Trick, former Redskin “Doc” Walker and NMF President Amy Marasco Newton at the 7th Annual Greater Washington Eco-Golf Classic.

Photo 2 and 3:

Former Redskin “Doc” Walker with Marine veterans from the Wounded Warriors Regiment-Quantico at the 7th Annual Greater Washington Eco-Golf Classic.

Photo 4:

Winners of the 7th Annual Greater Washington Eco-Golf Classic (left to right) Ian Olson, Craig Strong, Kyle Tanger, and Chip Jones.