



**World Long Drive Championship to be held at WinStar World Casino and Resort, Sept. 1-6**

*Golf Channel will air the event live at the WinStar Golf course*

**THACKERVILLE** – WinStar World Casino and Resort officials are pleased to announce the return of the World Long Drive Championship for the third consecutive year to Thackerville, Sept 1 through Sept. 6.

WinStar officials signed a multi-year extension with the World Long Drive Association to be the host site for the World Championship.

“At WinStar we strive to provide memorable and unique experiences for our loyal patrons,” said Wayne McCormick, WinStar’s general manager. “The opportunity to continue a working relationship with the World Long Drive Association and the Golf Channel presented itself and based on the success of World Championship events that have been held at WinStar in the past, we felt this was a beneficial partnership for all parties. We look forward to once again hosting the athletes and providing a one-of-a kind experience for fans.”

WinStar was also named one of eight World Long Drive Championship sanctioned, qualifying locations. Four competitors from each event will advance to the World Championship, which will feature a 96-person field competing for a \$270,000 purse. The WinStar qualifying event will be held May 18 and 19.

The Golf Channel will air back-to-back nights of live World Long Drive Championship coverage on Sept. 5 and Sept. 6. For the first time ever, the Women’s Division will be showcased live during two of the qualifying events and the World Long Drive Championship.

The World Long Drive Association qualifying schedule and locations include:

**Endless Summer Invitational (Huntington Beach, Calif.)**

March 24-27

**East Coast Classic (West Columbia, S.C.)**

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April 21-23

**WinStar Classic (Thackerville, Oklah.)**

May 18-20

**TBA**

June 3-6

**Bluff City Shootout (Memphis, Tenn.)**

June 23-25

**Rockwell Blast (West Bountiful, Utah)**

July 6-8

**Mile High Shootout (Denver, Colo.)**

July 22-25

**Catawba Classic (Hickory, N.C.)**

Aug. 4-6

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With more games than any other casino in the world, WinStar World Casino and Resort offers more than 7,400 electronic games, 98 tables games, 46 poker tables, a 3,500-seat Global Event Center and the nearly 1,400-room WinStar World Casino Hotel. Located just north of the Oklahoma/Texas border along Interstate 35, WinStar World Casino and Resort presents unrivaled gaming action 24 hours a day, seven days a week, world-class entertainers and a wide range of dining options. For more information, visit [www.winstarworldcasino.com](http://www.winstarworldcasino.com).