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Attention Sports Editors

Toro to sponsor New Zealand Golf Interprovincials

New Zealand Golf's premier district competition, the Interprovincial championships, will be sponsored by Toro, the world's leading supplier of mowing and irrigation equipment.

New Zealand Golf announced the new sponsorship at the conclusion of this year's Men's Interprovincials at Mount Maunganui.

The new three-year sponsorship will include both the men's and women's competitions – which will be known as the Toro Interprovincials.

New Zealand Golf said the fit between Toro and Interprovincial was perfect with Toro's New Zealand distributor Parkland Products closely involved in golf course irrigation and machinery throughout the country.

"The Interprovincials are very important golf tournaments on the New Zealand calendar. They involve players from every district in the country and are the only elite competitions on a national basis that are team-based," said New Zealand Golf chief executive Bill MacGowan.

"Toro are also involved day to day at golf clubs throughout the country and we are absolutely delighted to have them on board for the next three years, and hopefully beyond.

"This event has been around for more than 50 years and the Toro Interprovincials will continue to be an important part of our golfing calendar."

The 2008 Toro Interprovincials will be both held in the Nelson district – with the women at Nelson Golf Club on October 7 to 11 and the men at Greenacres GC in December

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The Toro Company is the world's leading supplier of turf mowing and irrigation equipment. Toro is a 95 year New York Stock Exchange listed company (TTC) with market capitalisation of NZ\$ 1.5 billion and annual sales of NZ\$ 2.5 billion.

Toro manufactures mowing and turf renovation equipment for every market from private homes through to golf courses, with an extensive range of equipment for maintaining city parks and passive reserves. Toro has been in the irrigation market for over 40 years and is also a leader in the supply of systems for the viticulture market.

Established in 1988 Parkland Products is the exclusive New Zealand Distributor for Toro with offices in Auckland and Christchurch and sales and service representatives throughout New Zealand.

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