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Chicago, October 21, 2008 – The 2008 Jack Nicklaus International Invitational (JNII), sponsored by Jack Nicklaus Apparel International (JNAI), recently concluded with the Tournament of Champions held October 21 on the The Champion at PGA National Resort and Spa in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida USA.

The Tournament of Champions was the final competition for two-member amateur teams from eleven countries who competed for the right to represent their country by winning regional and national tournaments. Thousands of golf enthusiasts from Canada, China, Czech Republic, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa and the USA competed to win the expenses paid trip to Florida.

The Tournament of Champions was played as a Scramble. The winning 6-under 66 score was posted by the Czech Republic team of Pavel Vilimovsky and Robert Bouska. The Czech's played the last four holes including the infamous Bear Trap (holes 15, 16 and 17) one-under to hold off a hard lucked South African team. Brothers Matthys and Izak Marais of South Africa left birdie putts on 15 and 16 on the doorstep finishing with a 4-under 68. In May 2008, USA Today stated that The Bear Trap is "one of the toughest stretches in golf." New Zealanders Malcolm Wells and Mark Mohekey posted a 2-under 70 to claim third place.

In addition to the rounds of golf on the Jack Nicklaus designed Champion, each participant at the Tournament of Champions was provided a VIP trip including round-trip air transportation, luxury accommodations and hospitality for five days. The teams were greeted personally by Jack Nicklaus at the awards luncheon following the event. Along with the many amenities and gifts the players received was a personally signed photograph with Mr. Nicklaus.

National tournaments for the 2008 JNII are scheduled to begin as November 2008 in the same eleven countries as the 2008 event plus Australia, Slovakia, Switzerland, and Taiwan. National tournaments are open to golf enthusiasts of all skill level. Entrants must simply be of legal age and not have competed as a profession. One winning team from each national tournament will win a trip to the international final, which will be in October in Florida. The location and exact dates are yet to be determined.

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**JACK NICKLAUS INTERNATIONAL INVITATIONAL
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
2008 FINAL RESULTS**

PLACE	TEAM	PLAYER	SCORE
1.	CZECH REPUBLIC	PAVEL VILIMOVSKY ROBERT BOUSKA	66
2.	SOUTH AFRICA	MATTHYS MARAIS IZAK PETRUS MARAIS	68
3.	NEW ZEALAND	MALCOLM WELLS MARK MOHEKEY	70
4.	CANADA	GUY EMARD PIERRE-CLAUDE LAPLANTE	72
	CHINA	PAN HO HAI YU	72
	KOREA	BYUNG SOO EUN KI NEUNG HAN	72
	PHILIPPINES	BERNADETTE ABIERA MARTIN ILAGAN	72
8.	INDONESIA	ANDRI GUNAWAN ANDYJAYA MELAWI	75
9.	JAPAN	HIROSHI TAKAHASI HIROSHI YANAGISAWA	76
10.	USA	SCOTT MAURER KYLE HENLEY	77
11.	MEXICO	CARLOS FLORES HUMBERTO CAMACHO	82