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**WORLD CUP SKIER BODE MILLER TO TEE OFF AT RIVER VALLEY RANCH GOLF CLUB
FOR CHALLENGE ASPEN OPEN "LOCALS' TOURNAMENT"
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Fundraiser for IPC World Cup Finals 2010 to be held in Aspen

Aspen, Colo. (August 13, 2009) - Modern-day skiing legend and World Cup champion Bode Miller will join National Amputee Golf Association pros and members of the Challenge Aspen Competition Team for the *Challenge Aspen Open* golf tournament on the links at River Valley Ranch Golf Club on August 20. The event, billed as "the locals' tournament," is a fundraiser for the IPC World Cup Finals 2010, to be held in Aspen and hosted and organized by the Challenge Aspen Competition Program.

The course at River Valley Ranch Golf Club features an award-winning design and breathtaking views of Sopris Mountain. Players will enjoy the camaraderie and competition of a "locals' tournament" and will compete for prizes in contests from the serious, such as "longest drive" and "closest to the pin," to the hilarious, such as "best dressed" and "worst team"! The shamble format tournament begins with a shotgun start at 2 p.m. The fun continues off the course with a post party hosted by Destination Holdings Real Estate at the "Barn" with live entertainment by Alpine World Cup skier Bryon Friedman.

Registration for a foursome is at the locals' price of \$800 and includes the tournament and post party. For a premium in support of the Challenge Aspen Competition Program, foursomes will have a chance to experience the extra fun and excitement of having skiing legend Bode Miller play on their team. A limited number of hole sponsorships are also available for \$500 per hole. Register online at www.challengeaspenopen.org, or contact Kevin Jardine at 970-618-6382 or Tracey Mendrek at 847-858-4389.

About Challenge Aspen

Since 1995, Challenge Aspen has provided adaptive recreational and cultural opportunities to thousands of individuals with disabilities from around the world. Based in Snowmass Village, Colorado, Challenge Aspen is an internationally established charitable organization. As a leader and innovator offering participants safe, expert instruction and the best competitive ski-racing and educational programs available in the world, Challenge Aspen also provides outstanding summer therapeutic art and drama camps to children with physical and cognitive disabilities. In addition, Challenge Aspen creates adaptive wilderness experiences and internationally recognized elite race training for veterans with disabilities.

Critical partnerships with sponsors like Aspen Skiing Company, combined with the generous support of the Founders' Circle, National Council members and annual fundraisers, provide the funding necessary for Challenge Aspen to empower all participants through its outdoor and cultural experiences, regardless of financial status. For more information, visit www.challengeaspen.org.

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