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LIRR to Run Extra Trains to The Barclays PGA TOUR Event at Bethpage Black

Half-Hourly Service to Farmingdale Station Thursday, August 23 through Sunday, August 26

MTA Long Island Rail Road President Helena Williams announced today that the LIRR will provide extra train service to The Barclays PGA TOUR Event at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, L.I. beginning Thursday, August 23 through Sunday, August 26.

"Leave the car at home because there will be no faster or more convenient way to get to The Barclays than the Long Island Rail Road," Williams said. "We are delighted to be an official sponsor of this event, which is expected to draw up to 35,000 spectators a day to Bethpage, one of the crown jewels of the state park system. This nationally-televised event will be a boost for local tourism and a shot in the arm for the Long Island economy."

Williams said the LIRR will increase its regular hourly off-peak service to Farmingdale Station to half-hourly service on the days the biggest crowds are expected, starting with the first round of competition on Thursday, August 23 and continuing until the tournament wraps on Sunday, August 26. At Farmingdale Station, fans will board free PGA TOUR shuttle buses for the short ride to Bethpage State Park and its famed Black Course, one of the nation's toughest courses.

"We are so pleased with the partnership with MTA Long Island Rail Road," said Peter Mele, executive director of The Barclays. "The additional service will ensure that fans have the best experience coming to and from our event. We expect record crowds will attend to watch the PGA TOUR's best and encourage everyone to take advantage of the LIRR as a convenient and quick way to get to Bethpage."

The Barclays draws the top 125 golfers on the PGA TOUR and kicks off the four-event FedExCup Playoffs which determine the season-long champion. Expected to compete are top ranked players like Tiger Woods, Bubba Watson, Matt Kuchar, Webb Simpson, Rory Mcllroy, Phil Mickelson and Rickie Fowler. The Barclays is the biggest golf event on Long Island since the 2009 U.S. Open, which was also held at Bethpage Black.

There is no parking available at Bethpage State Park for The Barclays. Fans who travel by car must park at Jones Beach, then board shuttle buses for the trek to the golf course. Because Farmingdale Station is on the LIRR's Main Line, Suffolk County residents traveling west to Farmingdale should know that they can park at any LIRR station east of Farmingdale (Ronkonkoma, Central Islip, Brentwood, Deer Park and Wyandanch) for free on weekends, then hop a train to The Barclays. Nassau County residents traveling east to Farmingdale can park on weekends at the Mineola Intermodal Center at Mineola Station for \$5.

For more information, including the LIRR's special The Barclays timetable, customers can go to the LIRR website <http://mta.info/lirr/getaways/LongIsland/BarclaysGolf.htm> or pick up printed copies at any LIRR station. Customers can also call 511, the New York State Travel Information Line and say: Long Island Rail Road. If you are deaf or hard of hearing, use your preferred relay service provider or the free 711 relay to reach LIRR at 511.

