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# Boeing Classic golf event changes charity beneficiary

Officials at the **Boeing** Classic golf event, set for Aug. 23-29 at the TPC Snoqualmie Ridge golf course in Snoqualmie, said the event's new charity beneficiary will be the Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason.

For the first five years of the tournament, the Heart Institute at Virginia Mason had been the primary beneficiary of charity funds raised by the tournament.

The Benaroya Research Institute was established in 1956 as the **Virginia Mason Research Center** and today researches autoimmune diseases such as arthritis, diabetes, lupus, multiple sclerosis and scleroderma.

The Boeing Classic is part of the Champions Tour, in which golf pros 50 years old and older compete. The tour kicks off its 2010 season this weekend at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai on the Big Island of Hawaii. The tour will also hold the 2010 U.S. Senior Open at **Sahalee Country Club** in Sammamish, which begins July 26.