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The Preserve at Verdae has been named as one of three locations for BMW Pro-Am

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The Preserve at Verdae will join the fold as one of three host courses for the Web.com BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNEX Corporation next

spring, tournament officials announced Thursday. The tournament, which is set for May 19-22, also will be played at Thornblade Club and The Reserve at Lake Keowee, both of which were in the course rotation last year. Officials also announced

that BMW and the PGA Tour have reached a three-year agreement that will keep the tournament in the Upstate through 2018.

"BMW, SYNEX and other sponsors participate in the tournament because it provides distinct opportunities for charitable giving," said Bob Nitto, president of the tournament. "As sponsors, we also partici-

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pate because of the significant economic impact the tournament has on the Upstate community. It is great to know that the tournament's impact will continue for another three years."

The tournament has generated and distributed more than \$11.5 million to more than 200 charities in its 15-year history, and a 2013 economic impact

study by Clemson University International Institute of Tourism Research and Development estimated that the event annually generates total direct spending of \$4.7 million, supports 139 jobs, generates net local government revenues of \$541,048 and net state government revenues of \$868,479 and yields \$6.744 million in total output/impact.