

# Original course rejoins BMW Charity Pro-Am golf

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The BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by Synnex Corporation is going back to its roots in 2018.

Cliffs Valley, the Travelers Rest golf course that served as one of the original sites for the tournament that began in 2001, will return to the course rotation in 2018 after a 10-year absence, according to a news release Wednesday.

The PGA Web.com Tour tournament, which features amateurs and celebrities grouped with professionals and raises money for local charities and non-profit organizations, also will be played at Thornblade Club in Greer and the Furman University Golf Club. Thornblade has been a part of the event annually since 2008, and Furman debuted in 2017.

The 2018 tournament is scheduled for May 17-20.

"We are thrilled to return to The Cliffs Valley, and we know that both our celebrity and amateur players will be equally pleased by this news," said Bob Nitto, president, BMW Charity Pro-Am presented by SYNnex Corporation, in a news release.

The tournament also announced that it would concentrate its fund-raising on four area organizations: Children's Hospital of Greenville Health System, Cliffs Residents Outreach, Mobile Meals of Spartanburg and Upstate SC STEM Collaborative. According to



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the news release, other local non-profit organizations also could earn funds.

The tournament also announced that volunteer registration is open at [bmwcharitygolf.com](http://bmwcharitygolf.com). Volunteers may select one of the four featured charities to donate proceeds from hours worked.

Since its inception, the tournament has donated more than \$12.7 million for Upstate and Western North Carolina charities and non-profit organizations. It originally was named the BMW Presents the BUY.COM TOUR Charity Pro-

Am at The Cliffs and held at Cliffs Valley and The Cliffs at Keowee Vineyards, according to BMW's website.

Through 2007, the tournament was played on The Cliffs properties, a group of what is now seven private golf communities in South and North Carolina. Thornblade became the home course in 2008, and seven other courses in the Upstate and Western North Carolina have been a part of the three-course rotation in the past 10 years.