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Iron Chef and James Beard Award Winner Roberto Donna and Other Celebrity Chefs Kick Off Sagebrush Classic *Five-course beer dinner at Deschutes Brewery's Mountain Room engages celebrity chefs in playful banter*

17 July 2010 – Bend, Oregon – The much-anticipated Deschutes Brewery Sagebrush Classic has arrived in Bend, Oregon, with nearly 20 chefs from all around the world combining forces to showcase their culinary skills. Last night, the festival of food kicked off at a private five-course beer pairing dinner held at Deschutes Brewery's Mountain Room in Bend, Oregon, where guests got a preview of the level of fare to expect at tonight's Feast at Broken Top Club.

Iron Chef America and James Beard Award winner Roberto Donna, whose Washington D.C. restaurant Galileo was named one of the "10 Best Italian Restaurants in America," attended the dinner and poked fun at the other chefs as they presented their creations for the evening. The light-hearted evening was crowned with spectacular food.

Featured chefs in last night's Five-Course Beer Dinner included the following, many of whom have received James Beard Awards and other national and international honors:

- Chef Charles Phan, The Slanted Door, San Francisco
Japanese yellowtail with crispy shallots and Thai basil, paired with Sagebrush Classic Pilsner
- Chef Tom Fleming, Crossroads Diner, Dallas, TX
Mixed baby greens and artisanal cheese salad; honey lavender vinaigrette, paired with Green Lakes Organic Ale
- Chef Michael Smith, Michael Smith & Extra Virgin, Kansas City, MO
Braised rabbit gnocchi with leeks and Oregon mushrooms, paired with Black Butte Porter
- Chef Jackie Lau, Roy's of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI
House-cured and wood-oven roasted beef brisket, paired Inversion IPA
- Chef Matt Neltner, Deschutes Brewery, Bend, Oregon
Ginger pound cake trifle with lemon cream and fresh berries, paired with Jubel 2010

About the Sagebrush Classic

A premier Northwest golf and culinary event for more than 20 years, the Sagebrush Classic was created by Deschutes Brewery to help fund children and family services in the Central Oregon region. The event first features golf teams competing in an 18-hole best ball golf tournament on the private course at Broken Top. The festivities continue on Saturday with the Classic Feast showcasing the culinary artistry of nearly 20 world-class national and international chefs, featuring handcrafted beers from Deschutes Brewery, a variety of wines, and dancing to the best in live music. www.sagebrush.org

About Deschutes Brewery

Located in beautiful Bend, Oregon, Deschutes Brewery is in the business of daring people to expect more from their beer. That's why we started off in 1988, on the banks of the Deschutes River here in Bend, Oregon, by selling Black Butte Porter at a time when others were sure a dark beer would never catch on. Our brewers love to push the

envelope, especially if it makes someone nervous. But for us, the highest praise is a raised glass and a toast of "Bravely Done!" For more information about Deschutes Brewery and its courageously crafted beers, please visit www.DeschutesBrewery.com.

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