



PGA Golfers Gore and Zuback Raise \$250,000 for 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games

Jason Zuback, the five-time World Long Drive champion, walked down the 16th fairway arm-in-arm with 13-year-old Special Olympics athlete Roberto Eguia who was never at a loss for words. The two chatted the length of the fairway and when they arrived at the green, Roberto was apparently not quite satisfied with the 410-yard bomb Zuback had just hit to win \$100,000 on that hole, for the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games. Eguia announced to Zuback, "Now you're going to make an eagle!" And that is just what he did. Zuback knocked a wedge to 3- feet and picked up his 'gimme' eagle on the par-5 to beat three PGA Tour members in the Skins formatted fundraiser.

"He said he wanted an eagle out there, so he put a little pressure on me," Zuback said. ...it really inspired me."

PGA golfers Zuback of Alberta, Canada and Jason Gore, of Valencia, California, teamed up to raise \$250,000 on September 17, for the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games at the Kraft Shoot-Out held at Hillcrest Country Club in Boise, Idaho. In what was nicknamed as the "Battle of the Bombers," Gore and Zuback along with Bubba Watson and Kevin Stadler enjoyed a unique atmosphere that was more like a pep rally than a golf tournament.

Co-chairman of the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games, Jim Grossman, took in every stroke, along with the huge gallery and Special Olympics athletes. Grossman introduced Gore and Zuback to Eguia and Terry Tawney, 38-year-old Special Olympics athlete, on the 14th fairway and they quickly became buddies.

"We can never underestimate the power of a Special Olympics athlete to transform an event and touch everyone involved," Grossman said.

As presenting sponsor of the Kraft Shoot-Out, the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation donated a \$1 million purse, designating that 100 percent of the money go directly to four local charitable organizations.

"Big thanks go out to Jason and Jason for being fans of the Special Olympics movement, not to mention the generosity of the J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Foundation. These funds will go a long way in helping us reach our goal of hosting

the world in 2009," Chief Executive Officer Gary Dyer of the 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games said.

The 2009 Special Olympics World Winter Games will be held in Idaho from February 6-13, 2009 and will involve up to 3,000 athletes and 6,000 volunteers from as many as 85 countries.