



*April 29 – May 5, 2013*  
**The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course**  
**The Woodlands, TX**  
**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,018 Purse: \$1.8 million**

**Tuesday, April 30, 2013**

## **TUESDAY MEDIA ROUND-UP**

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### **Robin Byrd Fires 66 to Lead Final Six Qualifiers into 2013 Insperty Championship Field**

Robin Byrd fired a six-under-par round of 66 at The Woodlands Country Club Gary Player Course to win Tuesday's qualifier, and earn one of the final six spots up for grabs in the 2013 Insperty Championship, presented by UnitedHealthcare.

Byrd, of Satellite Beach, FL, carded eight birdies and two bogeys on the 6,855-yards par-72 course. Mark Bucek, of Winter Springs, FL, and 1996 U.S. Open winner, Steve Jones, posted rounds of 67's under warm and perfect conditions.

Barry Lane, of Sweden, FL, locked up his spot in Friday's opening round at The Woodlands Tournament Course with a round of 68. Rod Spittle, of Dunedin, FL, and Anders Forsbrand, of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, secured the final two tee times in the 81-man Insperty Championship field when the opening round gets underway on Friday at 10 a.m.

### **Scheduled Pre-Tournament Player Interviews in the Media Center**

#### **Wednesday, May 1**

11 a.m. Steve Elkington

#### **Thursday, May 2**

10:30 a.m. Fred Funk

11 a.m. Bernhard Langer

### **Greats of Golf Gear Up for Big Saturday in The Woodlands**

The Greats of Golf will hold a media availability on **Saturday, May 4** in advance of teeing it up in the second annual 3M Oil & Gas Greats of Golf competition being held in conjunction with the second round of play at the Insperty Championship in The Woodlands, TX.

Six of the greatest names to play the game will be available to accredited reporters in the Media Center at the following times:

**10:45 a.m. Lee Trevino, Ray Floyd, Johnny Miller**

**11:00 a.m. Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player**

The Big Four of Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Lee Trevino have combined to win 185 PGA TOUR victories, including 40 professional major championships, before wrapping up their illustrious careers with 68 Champions Tour wins.

Tee times for the Greats of Golf event are expected to be around 12 noon on Saturday, May 4, but will be finalized on the morning of May 3.

## **Pros Deliver Lifetime of Memories for 36 Texas Junior Golfers**

Every junior athlete dreams of playing with the professionals on their playground.

That dream became a reality for 36 junior golfers (18 girls and 18 boys) at the Insperity Championship in The Woodlands, TX on Tuesday.

The talented young players ranging from the ages of seven-to-17 formed nine groups with one Champions Tour professional each for a nine-hole Pro-Am. The professionals taking part included: Mark O'Meara, Rocco Mediate, Fred Funk, Jim Rutledge, Jim Gallagher Jr., Esteban Toledo, Roger Chapman, Chien Soon Lu, and Tom Purtzer.

"This is special and one of the best Pro-Ams that I have been involved in," said the tournament's defending champion, Fred Funk. "We have a little match going here. There are a couple of Paula Creamer's in this group. These girls can play."

The aspiring golf professionals earned a pass under the ropes to stroll the fairways of The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course based on points gained at competitions in the Southern Texas PGA section.

Requested to play in Pro-Ams each week while travelling on Tour, Funk and his fellow professionals understand the significance of the day.

"It is just important for us to give back," added Funk. "It is clear playing with some of these kids they have been at it a long time and have a focus to play college golf at the least. It is a lot of fun to play with them for the day."

### **Wednesday's Featured Pro-Am Tee Times**

9:00 a.m. Peter Jacobsen (Tee #1)

9:10 a.m. Fuzzy Zoeller (Tee #1)

9:10 a.m. Brad Faxon (Tee #10)

9:30 a.m. Hal Sutton (Tee #1)

12:40 p.m. Steve Elkington (Tee #10)

1:00 p.m. Rocco Mediate (Tee #10)

### **Looking Back on 10 Great Years at the Insperity Championship**

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the Insperity Championship in The Woodlands, TX. A special anniversary ceremony will be held on Friday morning in advance of the first tee time. The following is a look back on 10 memorable moments at the Insperity Championship:

**2004:** Larry Nelson rallies from seven strokes back, and wins the inaugural tournament defeating Hale Irwin in a playoff.

**2005:** Mark McNulty wins the second edition of the tournament, and becomes the first foreign player to win the title.

**2006:** Jay Haas shoots a 63 on Saturday, and holds a five-shot lead after two rounds. The third round gets underway before heavy rains forced officials to cancel the third round, and declare Haas the champion.

**2007:** Bernhard Langer wins his first career event on the Champions Tour in just his fourth start, shattering tournament records. He starts with an Augusta Pines course record at 10-under-par 62, and closes with a 64 for a 25-under total of 191.

**2008:** The tournament moves to The Woodlands Country Club and Bernhard Langer becomes the first player in tournament history to successfully defend his title, edging Lonnie Neilson by two strokes.

**2009:** John Cook birdies the 17th hole to hang on for a two-shot victory over Jay Haas and Bob Tway. It is Cook's third Champions Tour win, and his third Tour victory in the state of Texas.

**2010:** Fred Couples cruises to a seven-stroke victory on the strength of a final-round 63 that included an eagle and five birdies on the back nine.

**2011:** Brad Faxon makes birdie at the 17th hole on Saturday to take a one-shot lead which proved good enough to give him his first career win on the Champions Tour after rain washed out the third and final round of the tournament.

**2012:** The tournament moves to the spring. Fred Funk birdies the final hole from two feet to defeat Tom Lehman by one stroke with his 16-year-old son Taylor caddying for him. Funk becomes the first player in five years to win a Champions Tour and PGA TOUR event on the same course.

### **Tees for Charity:**

The Insperty Championship will once again hold a silent auction fundraiser at the Pro-Am draw party on Tuesday evening at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel. Among the items up for auction are a variety of unique sport collectibles – oversized autographed golf balls from Champions Tour players, made of fiberglass and sitting on oversized wooden designer tees. Each tee is hand-painted in a particular theme based on a players' nickname, hobby or alma mater. This year will mark the fourth time Tees for Chairty has been done at the Insperty Championship. Just over \$30,000 has been raised in the previous three events.

### **Did You Know?**

- Bernhard Langer has finished among the top-three in five of his six individual starts in 2013 with wins at both the ACE Group Classic and Greater Gwinnett Championship;
- David Frost arrives in Houston having finished among the top-10 in eight of his last nine stroke-play events. Frost won the Toshiba Classic in March, and lost in a play-off to John Cook at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai;
- Fred Funk's win last year gave him both a PGA TOUR and Champions Tour title at the same venue. Fred Couples' Insperty Championship victory in 2011 also gave him both a PGA TOUR and Champions Tour title in Houston;
- Curtis Strange (1980), Jay Haas (1987), Mark Brooks (1996), and Hal Sutton (2001) all won the Shell Houston Open on The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course.

### **Insperty Championship Radar:**

- The Woodforest National Bank Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday and Thursday which will include the majority of the Insperty Championship field. Tee times will begin at 7:20 a.m.  
***Wednesday Tee Times are attached to e-mail;***
- The 10th annual Insperty Championship, presented by UnitedHealthcare, will be contested Friday, May 3 to Sunday, May 5. Tee times on Friday begin at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday rounds will start at 8 a.m.;
- The Insperty Championship benefits local Houston charities including: Golfers Against Cancer, STPGA Junior Programs, Arabia Shriners, Interfaith of The Woodlands, and UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation. The tournament is also a partner with the Houston affiliate of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure. A "PINK OUT" will take place on Saturday, May 4 in support of breast

cancer awareness. All spectators are encouraged to show their support and wear pink on Saturday.

**Tournament Information:**

Event web site – [www.insperitychampionship.com](http://www.insperitychampionship.com)

Field List –

[www.insperitychampionship.com/uploads/2013/04/2013%20Insperity%20Championship%20Field.pdf](http://www.insperitychampionship.com/uploads/2013/04/2013%20Insperity%20Championship%20Field.pdf)

Press releases – <http://www.insperitychampionship.com/media/press-releases/>

Champions Tour information - <http://pgatourgolfmedia.com> (must login)

**Ticket and Parking Information:**

The Insperity Championship™, the eighth of 26 official events on the Champions Tour schedule, offers **FREE** grounds only admission courtesy of Insperity, The Woodlands Development Company, Woodforest National Bank and HP. Parking and shuttle service are also free. For updated information on all aspects of the Insperity Championship, fans are encouraged to visit [www.insperitychampionship.com](http://www.insperitychampionship.com).

**About the Insperity Championship**

A Champions Tour event, the Insperity Championship presented by UnitedHealthcare features the world's premier golfers age 50 and older. Last year's tournament winner, Fred Funk, will be returning to the Insperity Championship to defend his title and play for a purse of \$1.8 million on April 29-May 5. In addition to support from the title sponsor Insperity and presenting sponsor UnitedHealthcare, official sponsors include Woodforest National Bank, United Airlines, Donoho's Jewellers, Breitling, Audi, Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Houston Chronicle, National Car Rental, Anheuser Busch, HP, 3M Oil & Gas and CBS Radio. The Insperity Championship is managed and operated by ProLinks Sports. In 2008, the tournament received the prestigious Presidents Award as the best event on the Champions Tour and in 2011 received the President's Award for Excellence in Achievement. Last year, the tournament received The Players Award for having the "best of everything" for the players, sponsors and spectators. Past champions include Larry Nelson, Jay Haas, Mark McNulty, two-time winner Bernhard Langer, John Cook, Fred Couples, Brad Faxon and Fred Funk. For more information about the Insperity Championship, visit [www.insperitychampionship.com](http://www.insperitychampionship.com).

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