



**April 28 – May 4, 2014**  
**The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course**  
**The Woodlands, TX**  
**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,018 Purse: \$2 million**

**Monday, April 28, 2014**

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**MONDAY MEDIA ROUND-UP**

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**Future Stars Highlight Tuesday’s Junior Golf Day at the Insperity Invitational**

The 11th anniversary of the Insperity Invitational will heat up on Tuesday when 36 junior golfers (18 girls and 18 boys), ages seven-to-17, will tee it up with Champions Tour professionals in The Woodlands Development Company Junior Pro-Am.

The juniors, who will gain the full experience of a Tour player under the ropes, qualified to take part in the event through their finish in the spring junior championships conducted by the Southern Texas PGA.

The Junior Pro-Am will start at 1 p.m.

The following are a list of Tour players and the holes they will start on:

#10 Jim Gallagher Jr.	#13 Andy North	#16 Steve Pate
#11 Tom Byrum	#14 Brian Henninger	#17 Mark Brooks
#12 Bruce Vaughan	#15 Gary Hallberg	#18 Roger Chapman

**What’s in a Name?**

This year begins a new era for one of the most prestigious events on the Champions Tour as the Tournament became an Invitational event. There are eight categories of eligibility under the new invitational format.

“Our format as an Invitational will assure golf fans have the chance to watch the best players age 50 and over, not only from the United States, but around the world, play in Houston,” said Bryan Naugle, executive director, Insperity Invitational.

Categories of eligibility include: World Golf Hall of Fame members; winners of major championships on the Champions Tour in last five years; top-20 the on All-Time Money List; top player from prior year’s European Senior Tour, PGA Australia Legends Tour, and Asian Tour Order of Merit; winners of Champions Tour tournaments since the prior year’s Insperity; top player from the most recent Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament, and winners of a PGA TOUR, Champions Tour, European or European Senior Tour event; or players who have five wins on their respective home Tours.

**Stellar Field On Hand:**

The 2014 Insperity Invitational features seven World Golf Hall of Fame members including: Fred Couples, Ben Crenshaw, Bernhard Langer, Tom Kite, Nick Price, Curtis Strange and Colin Montgomerie. In addition 29 of the top-30 from last year’s money list are committed to play. Overall, 59 players in the 81-man field have combined to win more than 400 PGA TOUR events, including 16 professionals who have combined to win 19 major titles.

### **Esteban Toledo Set to Defend First Ever Title**

Esteban Toledo will defend his first ever title on the PGA TOUR's Champions Tour when he tees it up this week in The Woodlands, TX. Toledo became the first Mexican to win on the Champions Tour last year when he won a three-man playoff. Toledo's comeback from seven strokes down on Sunday matched the largest comeback in the Tournament's history. Larry Nelson also rallied from seven back to win the inaugural tournament in 2004. Toledo became a resident of The Woodlands shortly after his victory last spring.

"I know the course and the greens well out here," said Toledo. "Right now I'm hitting the ball perfect and I'm putting well. If you are putting well you can win this tournament. It is nice to be home sleeping in my own bed. I have a lot of people cheering for me and I know I can win. Hopefully I will get lucky and do it again."

A challenging week, Toledo was the lone man standing on The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course that showed its teeth in 2013. He hit the fewest fairways (27/42) by a winner in tournament history, but his total putts (77) were the fewest by a winner since Bernhard Langer had just 73 putts in 2007.

### **Monty and Maggert Highlight New Faces in Houston**

World Golf Hall of Fame member, Colin Montgomerie, along with Jeff Maggert will headline the list of players making their first appearance at the Insperity Invitational this year.

Montgomerie graduated from Houston Baptist University in 1987 following three straight NCAA Tournament appearances, while Jeff Maggert is a resident of The Woodlands community. Maggert will try to become the first player to win his first two career starts since Bruce Fleisher won the 1999 Royal Caribbean Classic and the American Express Invitational. Maggert won his Champions Tour debut one month ago in Mississippi. Other notable new faces to The Woodlands, TX this year include three of golf's top international stars who received invites to this year's Tournament based on winning the Order of Merit on their respective Tours. **Ahmad Bateman** – Asian Senior Tour, **David Merriman** – PGA Australian Legends Tour, and **Paul Wesselingh** – European Senior Tour will make their first appearance at the Insperity Invitational. Champions Tour rookie from the United States, **Billy Andrade**, will also look for his first victory.

### **The Woodlands Tournament Course Toughens Up**

Last year, the Tournament Course easily played as the most difficult in the event's history, and was the toughest test for a non-major event on the Champions Tour since 2007. Just seven players broke par in the event, the fewest in a 54-hole tournament since only five players finished below par at the 2007 Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am. The par-4 18th hole was the hardest last year (4.328 scoring average), yielding only 15 total birdies.

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

Pre-Tournament interviews with a selection of players will begin in the media center on Wednesday morning. Player names and interview times will be made available on Tuesday.

### **3M Oil and Gas Greats of Golf Headline Tournament Week at Insperity**

The Greats of Golf are back, and are bringing their friends!

For the past two years, thousands of fans have lined the fairways to watch a collection of the game's greatest legends share laughter and competition during one of the best Champions Tour events on the calendar. Once again the "Big Four" of Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Lee Trevino – along with **Johnny Miller**, **Raymond Floyd**, **Don January**, **David Graham**, **Tony Jacklin** and **Dave**

**Stockton** – will tee it up in the 3M Oil & Gas Greats of Golf competition. Palmer will not compete this year. However, he will be in attendance and serve as an honorary chairman for the event.

This legendary and world-class group of the game's greatest players - which includes eight World Golf Hall of Fame members who have combined for more than 300 PGA TOUR victories, over 50 major championships and more than 150 Champions Tour titles - will tee off following the last tee time of the official competition. These nine players will be grouped in threesomes and will play an 18-hole scramble format.

Details around media availabilities will be released on Wednesday.

### **Did You Know?**

- There has only been **2** playoffs in the Tournament's 10-year history. The first came in 2004 when Larry Nelson defeated Hale Irwin with a birdie on the first extra hole. The second came last year when Esteban Toledo outlasted Mike Goodes and Gene Sauers;
- The 18-hole scoring record is **63** shot by Fred Couples during the final round of the 2010 tournament. Michael Allen also chalked up a **63** in the opening round of the 2011 tournament. Bernhard Langer shot **62** in the first round of the 2007 Championship when it was held at Augusta Pines Golf Club;
- Michael Allen and Bernhard Langer share the lowest front nine score, **31**, at the Tournament Course in 2011. Fred Couples holds the back-nine scoring record when he fired a **29** in 2010;
- Four players have made **nine** birdies in one round – Jay Haas (2006 round 2), Dan Forsman (2009 round 1), Michael Allen (2011 round 1), and Mike Goodes (2012 round 2);
- Bernhard Langer carded **24** birdies in 2007 – the most by a champion in tournament history;
- The total purse for the 2014 Insperity Invitational is **\$2 million** with the winner receiving **\$300,000**;
- Tom Kite and J.L. Lewis have the only two hole-in-one's in Insperity Invitational history. Last year, playing his 17,674th shot on the Champions Tour, Kite aced the 16th hole. Two years ago, Lewis holed a 4-iron shot from 189 yards also on the 16th hole. There has been a hole-in-one made in each of the last three Champions Tour events. The last time a hole-in-one streak extended to four straight events was in 2007 when there were five in a row;
- Just eight players have now competed in all of the 10 previous Insperity Championships – Ben Crenshaw, Bob Gilder, Tom Jenkins, John Harris, Tom Kite, Wayne Levi, D.A. Weibring and Fuzzy Zoeller;
- Bernhard Langer's win in 2007 came just one month and 17 days after he turned 50, making him the youngest winner in event history. Larry Nelson, the tournament's inaugural winner in 2004, claimed his Insperity Invitational title at 57 years, 1 month and he's still the oldest winner at this tournament;
- Jay Haas tends to play well in Texas. He's won six times on TOUR in the Lone Star State, which ties him for top honors with Tom Watson for most victories in Texas among active Champions Tour players. In his nine appearances at the Insperity Invitational, Haas has been among the top-six, six times including a victory in 2006;
- There has been **2** rain shortened events in the history of the Insperity Invitational: 2006 – Jay Haas and 2011 – Brad Faxon.

### **Insperity Invitational Radar:**

- The UnitedHealthcare Pro-Am on Monday featured 27 Champions Tour players including Esteban Toledo, Steve Elkington, Hale Irwin, Jim Thorpe, Dana Quigley, and Tommy Armour III;
- The Woodlands Development Company Junior Pro-Am will tee off on the Tournament Course on Tuesday at 1 p.m.;

- The Woodforest National Bank Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday and Thursday which will include the majority of the Insperity Invitational field. Tee times will be made available on Tuesday;
- The 11th annual Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare will be contested Friday, May 2 to Sunday, May 4. Tee times on Friday begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday rounds will start at 8:30 a.m.;
- The Insperity Invitational 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 3 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.insperityinvitational.com](http://www.insperityinvitational.com)

Field List – <http://www.insperityinvitational.com/spectators/player-field-spectators/>

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

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

#### **Ticket and Parking Information:**

The Insperity Invitational offers free grounds only admission tickets courtesy of Insperity, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Woodforest National Bank and HP. The grounds ticket also includes free parking and shuttle service. parking will be available Monday to Friday at the NE corner of Six Pines and Lake Robbins, and a free shuttle service can be picked up in front of The Woodlands Pavilion on Lake Robbins Drive. Parking and the shuttle service will return to the traditional location at The Woodlands Waterway Garage for Saturday and Sunday.

For updated information on all aspects of the Insperity Invitational, fans are encouraged to visit [www.InsperityInvitational.com](http://www.InsperityInvitational.com).

#### **About the Insperity Invitational**

A Champions Tour event, the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare features the world's premier golfers age 50 and older. Last year's tournament winner Esteban Toledo, will be returning to the Insperity Invitational to defend his title and play for a purse of \$2 million on April 28-May 4, 2014. The Insperity Invitational is managed and operated by ProLinks Sports. The tournament's official sponsors include: 3M, Andeuser Busch, Breitling, Donoho's Jewellers, CBS Radio, Dr Pepper Snapple Group, Houston Chronicle, HP, Jaguar, MD Anderson Cancer Center, National Car Rental and Woodforest National Bank. 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. In 2012, 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, Fred Funk and Esteban Toledo. For more information about the Insperity Invitational, visit [www.insperityinvitational.com](http://www.insperityinvitational.com).

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