



## MEDIA FACT SHEET

**DATE:** April 27 – May 3, 2015

**WHAT:** 81 Champions Tour players competing in 54-hole stroke play competition with no cut.

**SITE:** The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course, The Woodlands, TX

### Course Yardage

<u>HOLE</u>	<u>PAR</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
1	5	520
2	4	371
3	3	158
4	4	413
5	4	456
6	5	573
7	4	414
8	3	237
9	4	418
	<b>36</b>	<b>3560</b>
10	4	421
11	4	417
12	4	377
13	5	533
14	3	190
15	5	521
16	3	175
17	4	382
18	4	442
	<b>72</b>	<b>3458</b>
	<b>TOTAL YARDS</b>	<b>7018</b>

**PURSE:** \$2,050 million  
**1<sup>st</sup> place--** \$307,500

**CHAMPIONS:**

2004—Larry Nelson	68-70-64—202 (-14)
2005—Mark McNulty	66-68-66—200 (-16)
2006—Jay Haas	65-63—133 (-16)
2007—Bernhard Langer	62-65-64—191 (-25)
2008—Bernhard Langer	68-67-69—204 (-12)
2009—John Cook	65-72-68—205 (-11)

2010—Fred Couples	71-65-63—199 (-17)
2011—Brad Faxon	69-65—134 (-10)
2012—Fred Funk	66-69-67—202 (-14)
2013—Esteban Toledo	72-71-67—210 (-6)
2014—Bernhard Langer	66-68-71—205 (-11)

## SUMMARIES:

**2004:** Larry Nelson rallied from seven strokes back and made a five-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to beat Hale Irwin. Nelson began the day in a tie for 14<sup>th</sup> but made four birdies and a bogey on the outward nine. After tying Peter Jacobsen for the lead, Nelson found water on 17 for bogey but recovered with a birdie at 18.

**2005:** Ailing with a touch of the flu early in the week, Mark McNulty used a pair of eagles in the final round. McNulty jumped into contention with a 20-foot eagle putt at No.2 but didn't take his first lead Sunday until he made birdie at the par-3 ninth. Brad Bryant, the 36-hole leader, dropped out of contention after a double-bogey at 16. McNulty eagled 13, birdied 16 and 18 to secure the win.

**2006:** Jay Haas celebrated his 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by winning his fourth title of the year. Haas separated himself from the competition Saturday, posting a tournament record 9-under-par 63 that included birdies on five of his final six holes. He started Sunday with a five shot lead and 17-under through five holes when heavy rains forced officials to suspend and later cancel the final round.

**2007:** Bernhard Langer won his first Champions Tour title in just his fourth start shattering tournament records. He started with a course record 10-under-par 62 and closed with a 64 for a 25-under total of 191. He became the first German player to win on the Champions Tour.

**2008:** Bernhard Langer became the first player in tournament history to successfully defend his title. After trailing by four strokes in the first round, a second-round 67 moved him into a tie for first. Despite a one-stroke penalty early in final round, he was able to hold off Lonnie Nielsen for the trophy.

**2009:** John Cook opened with a 65 to stay within one stroke of Dan Forsman. Forsman, would also lead after the second round. However, it was Cook who stayed out of trouble with a pair of birdies and no bogeys on the back-nine Sunday afternoon. Several in contention, including Forsman and Jay Haas recorded bogeys coming in and Cook survived for victory.

**2010:** Fred Couples shook off a double-bogey on the front nine (No. 8) by playing the back nine in 7-under par 29 to steamroll past a faltering Corey Pavin for the 2010 title. Trailing Pavin by two strokes after the 10<sup>th</sup> hole, Couples played the final eight in 7 under.

**2011:** On the strength of a birdie late Saturday on the 17<sup>th</sup> hole and a few miscues from other competitors, Brad Faxon put himself in position to win the Insperity Championship. On Sunday, a deluge of rain did the rest of the work. By winning, Faxon joined Bernhard Langer as the second player to make the Insperity Championship his first victory on the Champions Tour.

**2012:** Twenty years ago, Fred Funk earned his first PGA TOUR victory in Houston. On the same course in May, he collected a comeback victory of sorts on the Champions Tour. Funk birdied four of the final five holes, including a 2-foot birdie putt on the 54<sup>th</sup> hole to finish 14-under-par 202. Funk secured what turned out to be the winning moment when he hit a 5-iron on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole for the 2-foot birdie opportunity.

**2013:** On Cinco de Mayo Esteban Toledo became the first Mexican to win on the Champions Tour following a final-round 67 that put him in a three-way playoff. Toledo outlasted Mike Goodes and Gene Sauers to win in a thrilling three-hole playoff.

**2014:** Bernhard Langer became the first player in tournament history to win three times and did so in an eight-year span. Langer held off hard-charging Fred Couples in the final round to win by one stroke.

## Categories of Eligibility for the Insperity Invitational

1. Those players eligible for Champions Tour events who are members of the World Golf Hall of Fame.
2. Winners of major championships on the Champions Tour (Senior PGA Championship, the Senior Open Championship, U.S. Senior Open, Constellation Senior Players Championship, Regions Tradition) in the preceding five calendar years and the current year.
3. Top 20 available players from the final Previous Year's Money List provided such players are 50th or better on such money list.
4. Top 20 players available from the All-Time Money List as of commitment deadline, not otherwise exempt above, provided such players are 70th or higher on such money list.
5. The top player from the prior year's European Senior Tour, PGA Australia Legends Tour and Asian Senior Tour Orders of Merit.
6. Winners of cosponsored or approved Champions Tour tournaments since the prior year's Insuperity Invitational.
7. The top player from the most recent Champions Tour National Qualifying Tournament.
8. In order to fill the field of 81 players, at the invitation of the host organization, players not otherwise exempt for the Insuperity Invitational, provide all of such players shall be winners of a PGA TOUR, Champions Tour, European Tour or European Senior Tour tournament. Or, players who have a minimum of five wins on their respective home Tour.

**SCHEDULE:**

**Monday, April 27**

Professional Practice Rounds	8:30am – 1:00pm	WCC Tournament Course
UnitedHealthcare Pro-Am	1:00pm – 6:00pm	WCC Tournament Course

**Tuesday, April 28**

Professional Practice Rounds	9:00am – 12:00pm	WCC Tournament Course
Woodlands Development Company Junior Pro-Am & Clinic	1:00pm – 4:00pm	WCC Tournament Course; back nine

**Wednesday, April 29**

Woodforest National Bank Championship Pro-Am	7:15am Tee Times Start 12:30pm Tee Times Start	WCC Tournament Course
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**Thursday, April 30**

Woodforest National Bank Championship Pro-Am	7:30am Tee Times Start 12:30pm Tee Times Start	WCC Tournament Course
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**Friday, May 1**

Championship First Round	10:30-5:00** Two Tee Start	WCC Tournament Course
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**Saturday, May 2**

Championship Second Round	8:30-5:00**	WCC Tournament Course
The 3M Oil & Gas Greats of Golf	Last three tee times	WCC Tournament Course

**“All-Day Pink Out”**

The tournament is a partner with the Houston Affiliate of the Susan G. Komen for the Cure.  
Show your support and help raise awareness for breast cancer and wear pink to the course.

Volunteers at this year's Insuperity Invitational will be wearing pink shirts to help raise awareness for breast cancer and we encourage all spectators to show their support and wear pink to the tournament on Saturday.

**Sunday, May 3**

Championship Final Round  
Trophy Presentation

9:30-6:00 \*\*  
End of Play

WCC Tournament Course  
WCC Tournament Course

\*\*Times are approximate and subject to change.

**TV TIMES**

**Friday:** 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. CT, Live, Golf Channel  
**Saturday:** 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. CT, Tape Delayed, Golf Channel  
**Sunday:** 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. CT, Live, Golf Channel

**CHARITY**

All net tournament proceeds benefit local Houston charities.

**OPENING GATE  
& SHUTTLE  
TIMES**

Monday 9:00 AM  
Tuesday 9:00 AM  
Wednesday 7:00 AM  
Thursday 7:00 AM  
Friday 9:00 AM  
Saturday 7:00 AM\*  
Sunday 7:00 AM\*

*\*Times subject to change*

**PARKING**

**NEW LOCATION**

General Spectator parking will be located at Woodforest Bank Stadium.  
I-45 to Research Forest exit.  
East on Research Forest to David Memorial Drive.  
Left on David Memorial Drive to stadium.

**TICKETS**

Free Admission all week. Just show up at the gate to get in free. A commemorative ticket will be given at the gate.

First 1,000 spectators through the main gate on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will receive a commemorative gift item.

Free Admission courtesy of the following sponsors:

Monday – Thursday Insperity  
Friday MD Anderson Cancer Center  
Saturday Woodforest National Bank  
Sunday Hewlett Packard

**VOLUNTEERS**

Over 900 volunteers will each donate on average 12-16 hours of their time throughout tournament week.

