

Dave Marr Award recipient bio 2015

### **Curtis Strange**

In 1999, the Dave Marr Award was created to honor individuals who exemplify all the traits Mr. Marr lived by—sportsmanship, honesty, character, integrity and a passion for the game of golf.

Annually, the award is given to a worthy recipient during the Insperity Invitational week. Past recipients include: Arnold Palmer, Brian “Bruno” Henning, Miller Barber, Don January, Ed Seay, Ben Crenshaw, Dan Jenkins, Larry Nelson, Tom Watson, Fuzzy Zoeller, Jay Haas, Lee Trevino and Bryan Naugle.

This year, the committee will be presenting the award to Curtis Strange during a special player dinner early in the week.

Strange, a World Golf Hall of Fame member, won 17 times on the PGA TOUR. Included in those victories are two major championship victories—back-to-back U.S. Open titles in 1988 and 1989.

Curtis Strange was born in Norfolk, Virginia and started playing golf at the age of seven. His father owned White Sands CC in Virginia Beach and along with his twin brother Allan quickly learned to love the game. He attended Wake Forest University and was teammates with Jay Haas, Scott Hoch and other future TOUR winners Bob Byman and David Thore—a team that has been considered the “best college golf team ever.” Strange won the 1974 NCAA individual title and during his time at Wake Forest the team won the NCAA title in both 1974 and 1975.

Strange’s first of 17 TOUR titles was the 1979 Pensacola Open and his last win was the 1989 U.S. Open at Oak Hill Country Club. He was a three-time winner in Houston—winning the 1980 Michelob Houston Open, the 1986 Houston Open and the 1988 Independent Insurance Agent Open.

He was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2007.