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## **PGA TOUR Champions Names Insperty Invitational as Recipient of 2015 Players Award**

*Player-centric focus delivers season-ending award for popular PGA TOUR Champions stop*

**PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla.** — The Insperty Invitational, conducted annually at The Woodlands Country Club in The Woodlands, Texas, was awarded with the PGA TOUR Champions Players Award at the PGA TOUR's Tournament Meetings on Thursday, December 3 in Miami, Fla.

"On behalf of the Champions Tour, I would like to congratulate the Insperty Invitational for their efforts and innovation in delivering a top-notch tournament experience for all of our players this past year," said Miller Brady, PGA TOUR Champions Chief Operating Officer. "Bryan and his staff continue to cater to our players through improvements and tournament week opportunities, often eclipsing their own lofty standards each year."

The annual Players Award represents recognition for a tournament that goes above and beyond in the experience they provide to PGA TOUR Champions players. Year in and year out, the Insperty Invitational provides a level of hospitality that is unsurpassed on Tour.

The 2015 Insperty Invitational was one of the event's more exciting finishes to date, with former Masters champion Ian Woosnam claiming his first PGA TOUR Champions title in a playoff over Kenny Perry and Tom Lehman.

"There is no greater compliment than to be recognized by the players for whom we host the Insperty Invitational for," said Bryan Naugle, executive director, Insperty Invitational. "From both a fan and sponsors perspective, it is the players who truly what make our event, and the PGA TOUR's Champions circuit great. Much of this credit has to go to the incredible commitment from our dedicated volunteers and the generous support from the community. We are very proud of the tradition of excellence we have built with the players in southern Texas, and are grateful to welcome them each spring back to The Woodlands."

The 2016 Insuperity Invitational will again be played at The Woodlands Country Club on May 6-8.

### **About PGA TOUR Champions**

PGA TOUR Champions has the most recognizable and accomplished players in the game, with many of its 34 members in the World Golf Hall of Fame competing regularly in its events. It's where Legends play. The Tour also counts numerous other major championship winners among its members. PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older. Conceived in 1980 as the Senior PGA Tour, it started with just four events and purses totaling \$475,000. PGA TOUR Champions primary purpose is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back, protect the integrity of the game and generate significant charitable and economic impact in communities in which it plays. Points earned in official Charles Schwab Cup events in 2015 determined Bernhard Langer as the Charles Schwab Cup champion. In 2016, the newly-introduced Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs will identify and recognize the Tour's leading player. The Commissioner of the PGA TOUR is Tim Finchem. Greg McLaughlin is President of PGA TOUR Champions. The PGA TOUR's website is [pgatour.com](http://pgatour.com), the No. 1 site in golf, and the organization is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Follow the PGA TOUR Champions at [facebook.com/ChampionsTour](https://facebook.com/ChampionsTour) and on Twitter [@ChampionsTour](https://twitter.com/ChampionsTour).

### **About the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs**

In 2016, the new Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs will be contested. Earnings by players in the 23 PGA TOUR Champions events leading up to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs will determine which players advance to the three-tournament series, which will be comprised of the PowerShares QQQ Championship (72 players), the Dominion Charity Classic (54 players) and the Charles Schwab Cup Championship (36 players). At the completion of the 2016 SAS Championship, the leading 72 players on the 2016 money list will advance to the first Playoffs event. 'Wildcard Weekend' at the SAS Championship allows for one player that finishes in the top 10 on the week, but finishes outside the top 72 on the season-long money list, to advance to the Playoffs. A points system will commence at the beginning of the first Playoffs event. Each player's current money total before the start of the first Playoffs event will become the equivalent number of points (e.g. \$330,000 equals 330,000 points). Double points will be earned by each player competing in each of the first two Playoffs events and added to the existing points earned through the SAS Championship (e.g. if a player has earned \$250,000 through the SAS Championship, then earns \$132,000 – or 264,000 points - at the PowerShares QQQ Championship, his total points will be 514,000 points). This points total is cumulative through the Dominion Charity Classic before a reset of the points takes place in advance of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. The reset will be similar to the PGA TOUR's FedExCup Playoffs, which allows the leading five players the opportunity to claim the Charles Schwab Cup if they win the season-finale, but also mathematically allows for the 36th-ranked player to win, depending on his performance at the final Playoffs event and the results of the remainder of the field.