



## **Ian Woosnam Returning to Defend Title** *Tournament Field Includes Past Champions & Hall of Famers*

**THE WOODLANDS, TX** – April 12, 2016 —The Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare will be celebrating its 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary May 2-8 as the 2015 champion **Ian Woosnam** returns to compete against one of the strongest fields on the PGA TOUR Champions schedule.

Woosnam has the opportunity to join Bernhard Langer as the only player in tournament history to successfully defend his title. Langer, who accomplished the feat by winning the 2007 and 2008 Insperity Invitational, will not be competing this year so he can attend his daughter's college graduation.

Joining Woosnam will be seven other past winners of Houston's PGA TOUR Champions event—**Larry Nelson** (2004), **Mark McNulty** (2005), **Jay Haas** (2006), **John Cook** (2009), **Brad Faxon** (2011), **Fred Funk** (2012) and **Esteban Toledo** (2013).

In addition, five World Golf Hall-of-Fame members are currently in the field: **Tom Kite**, **Mark O'Meara**, **Curtis Strange**, **Colin Montgomerie** and **Sandy Lyle**.

"The field for this year's tournament will once again be a fantastic combination of golf's legends, new PGA TOUR Champions members, Hall of Fame members and the best players in the world age 50 and over," said Bryan Naugle, Executive Director of the Insperity Invitational. "We are excited with all aspects of the tournament both on and off the golf course. The fans in the Houston area are in for a real treat as this annual tradition continues."

There are eight categories of eligibility in the invitational format, making this event unique on the PGA TOUR Champions schedule. This marks the third year the tournament has used this innovative qualifying method.

In addition to this legendary group of players, the top 20 players from the 2015 PGA TOUR Champions money list who are scheduled to compete include such players as **Billy Andrade**, **Joe Durant**, **Kevin Sutherland**, **Michael Allen**, **Scott Dunlap**, **Paul Goydos**, **Lee Janzen**, **Woody Austin**, **Duffy Waldorf**, **Bart Bryant**, **Jeff Sluman**, **Kirk Triplett**, **Wes Short, Jr.**, **Stephen Ames**, **Jerry Smith** and **Gene Sauers**.

From the All-Time money list category, here are some of the players committed: **Loren Roberts**, **Scott Verplank**, **Scott Hoch**, **Corey Pavin**, **Rocco Mediate**, **Craig Stadler**, **Hal Sutton**, **John Huston** and **Jesper Parnevik**.

Also qualifying for the Insperity Invitational by virtue of winning a Champions Tour major in the last five years are **Olin Browne**, **Roger Chapman**, **Russ Cochran**, **Joe Daley**, **Tom Lehman**, **David Frost**, **Jeff Maggert**, **Kenny Perry** and **Mark Wiebe**.

Tournament officials previously announced that **John Daly** will be making his PGA TOUR Champions debut at the Insperity Invitational. Two of the other fan favorites who will be competing this year are **Fuzzy Zoeller** and **Peter Jacobsen**.

For the fifth consecutive year, Insperity Invitational patrons will have the opportunity to see **Jack Nicklaus**, **Gary Player** and **Lee Trevino** participate in the 3M Greats of Golf competition Saturday afternoon of tournament week at The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course. These three legends will be competing against two other teams that will be announced soon.

The Insperity Invitational offers free grounds only admission tickets courtesy of Insperity, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Woodforest National Bank and Hewlett Packard Enterprise. The grounds ticket also includes free parking and shuttle service. General public parking will be at Woodforest Bank Stadium located at 19115 David Memorial Dr, Shenandoah, TX 77385

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 presented by UnitedHealthcare**

A PGA TOUR Champions event, the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare features the world's premier golfers age 50 and older. Last year's tournament winner Ian Woosnam, will be returning to the Insperity Invitational to defend his title on May 2-8, 2016. The Insperity Invitational is managed and operated by Pro Links 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. In 2012 and 2015, 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, three-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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