

2015 Insperity Invitational

(8th of 25 events in the 2015 Champions Tour Season)

The Woodlands Country Club (Tournament)
The Woodlands, Texas
Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,012

May 1-3, 2015
Charles Schwab Cup points: 308 to the winner
Purse: \$2,050,000

Final-Round Notes – Sunday, May 3, 2015

Weather

Partly cloudy with highs in the low-80s and winds from the SE at 10-15 mph.

Final Leaderboard

Ian Woosnam	71-66-68---205 (-11)
(wins playoff with birdie-3 on the first extra hole)	
Tom Lehman	70-66-69—205 (-11)
Kenny Perry	70-69-66—205 (-11)
Michael Allen	66-68-72—206 (-10)
Joe Durant	67-68-71---206 (-10)

Recap

Former European Ryder Cup captain Ian Woosnam of Wales holed a 30-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to defeat Tom Lehman and Kenny Perry for the 2015 Insperity Invitational title. Woosnam, a runner-up finisher last week with teammate Sandy Lyle at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf, started the final round three strokes off Michael Allen's lead. However, three birdies within the first six holes put him in contention and he eventually took the lead outright when Allen bogeyed the par-5 13th, hitting his second shot in the water. Both Lehman and Perry made birdies over the closing four holes to catch Woosnam but the former Masters champion prevailed in overtime.

With His Victory Today...Ian Woosnam

Ian Woosnam wins his first title on the Champions Tour in his 36th career start on the circuit and becomes the first player from Wales to win on the Champions Tour.

He becomes the ninth different player to win on the Champions Tour this year and the third international player to win, joining Miguel Angel Jimenez (Spain) and David Frost (South Africa).

He becomes the first player to win a Champions Tour event after receiving a sponsor exemption since Miguel Angel Jimenez at the 2014 Greater Gwinnett Championship.

He becomes the fifth first-time winner on the circuit this year, joining Lee Janzen (ACE Group Classic), Marco Dawson (Tucson Conquistadores Classic), Billy Andrade/Joe Durant (Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf).

He earns an immediate one-year calendar exemption on the Champions Tour from today's date and qualifies for the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, the Champions Tour's first event of the season, for the next two years.

He joins Bernhard Langer (2007), Brad Faxon (2011) and Esteban Toledo (2013) as the fourth player to make the Insperity Invitational his first career victory on the Champions Tour.

Woosnam claims his first win since the Dutch Senior Open last October. In his career, he won 29 titles on the European Tour, two tournaments on the PGA TOUR, including the 1991 Masters, and has five career victories on the European Seniors Tour.

Woosnam earns a check for \$307,500 and collects 308 Charles Schwab Cup points to jump into the top-five in

the season-long competition.

Prior to this week, Woosnam had made three appearances on the Tournament Course at The Woodlands Country Club, lastly in 1990 at the PGA TOUR's Shell Houston Open when he was T3.

Miscellaneous Notes

Today's playoff was the third in Insuperity Invitational history and marked the second time three players were involved in overtime (2013). It was also the second time that birdie was needed to win. In 2004, Larry Nelson birdied the first extra hole to defeat Hale Irwin.

For the third time in Insuperity Invitational history and the second consecutive year, 11-under proved to be the winning score to par. John Cook shot 11-under 205 in 2009. Bernhard Langer shot 11-under 205 last year.

World Golf Hall of Fame member Bernhard Langer, the defending champion in the Insuperity Invitational and an overall winner three times at this event, shot 75 in the final round and finished T21. Langer was bidding to become the first player to win the same tournament four times since Hale Irwin claimed the Senior PGA Championship in 1996, 1997, 1998 and 2004.

Michael Allen didn't win, but his T4 finish matched a personal best in the Insuperity Invitational (T4 in 2012) and in five total appearances in this event, he's still never finished outside the top 25.

Joe Durant, a runner-up in the 2001 Shell Houston Open on this course, was also T4 this week in his first appearance at the Insuperity Invitational. He's now been among the top five in three of his last four Champions Tour events including a victory last week at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf with Billy Andrade. As a result of Durant's performance recently, he took the lead in the Charles Schwab Cup race after eight events. Durant now has 475 points while Olin Browne, the Schwab Cup leader the last two weeks, has 443 points.

Kenny Perry, making only his fourth appearance on the Champions Tour this year, registered a runner-up effort at the Insuperity Invitational, easily his best finish ever in this event. Prior to today, Perry had not finished better than T19 at The Woodlands Country Club (2012) in four appearances.

After 44 professionals managed to break par in Round 1 and 34 players had under-par rounds on Saturday, just 27 players were under par on Sunday. Today's scoring average was 73.532 compared to 71.823 on Saturday and 71.772 in Round 1. Ian Woosnam made the most birdies (17) while Duffy Waldorf had the fewest bogeys (3). Gene Sauers was the only player in the field with two eagles over 54 holes.

There were three bogey-free rounds at the Tournament Course at The Woodlands Country Club today – Ian Woosnam (68), Mark McNulty (69) and Nick Price (68).

The Champions Tour's first major championship of the year, the Regions Tradition, is next up on the schedule and will be played in Birmingham, Alabama at Shoal Creek from May 11-17.

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