



**Annika Sorenstam to Tee it Up for First Time with Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player  
in 3M Greats of Golf Competition at Insperity Invitational  
*World Golf Hall of Fame member to replace Lee Trevino in annual showcase of golf's  
best***

**THE WOODLANDS, TX – (April 19, 2018)** Annika Sorenstam will become the first woman to tee it up in the 3M Greats of Golf competition at the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare on May 5, 2018.

The World Golf Hall of Fame member will replace Lee Trevino, who can no longer attend due to a family commitment, to complete the final threesome with Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player at the seventh annual exhibition that showcases golf's greatest legends.

"We are sorry that Lee will not be able to join us this year. The energy and humor he brings each year to The Woodlands has been instrumental to the successful tradition of the Greats of Golf," said Bryan Naugle, Executive Director, Insperity Invitational. "Annika Sorenstam is simply one of the greatest to ever play, and I know she will take this golf exhibition to a whole new level. This is going to be a real treat for golf fans in southern Texas, and we are thrilled to have her with us next week."

Annika is one of the most successful women ever to play professional golf. She racked up 72 LPGA victories, including 10 major championships and was the LPGA TOUR player of the year eight times before retiring in 2008.

Annika is also no stranger to playing against the men in Texas. Fifteen years ago, she captivated the golf world as the first woman since 1945 to play in a PGA Tour event, playing well, but ultimately missing the 36-hole cut at The Colonial by four shots.

"This is the first time I will have the opportunity to play in the same group with Jack and Gary, so I cannot wait to get to The Woodlands and have some fun with these men who were among my golfing heroes," said Annika Sorenstam. "It is a tremendous honor to be included in this prestigious group of 12 players. This doesn't only promise to create special memories for the spectators, but it will be a day I will cherish for the rest of my life as well."

Annika, the Golden Bear and Black Knight will play in an 18-hole scramble format against three other teams composed of Tom Weiskopf, David Graham and Tony Jacklin; Dave Stockton, Larry Nelson and Hale Irwin; along with Fuzzy Zoeller, Charles Coody and Bill Rogers.

World Golf Hall of Fame member and winner of the 2004 Insperity Invitational, Larry Nelson, will also make his debut in the competition. Last year, the team of Nicklaus, Player and Trevino finished in a tie with the team composed of Irwin, Coody and Stockton at 12-under-par.

"Having many of the world's most accomplished golfers who are incredible people and role models for all of us, reunite and entertain our fans each year just never gets old," said Naugle. "I think it is a highlight of the year, not only for all of us and the fans, but also for these great players who get to have a fun competition with their friends."

Responsible for the birth of the PGA TOUR Champions, the 12-pack of golf's legends includes eight World Golf Hall of Fame members who have combined to win more than 300 times on the PGA TOUR, have more than 50 major championship titles and have also accumulated more than 200 wins on the PGA TOUR Champions.

The 3M Greats of Golf will tee off following the last tee time of the Saturday's official second round of the Insperty Invitational at approximately 12:30 p.m. The 12 players will be grouped in threesomes and will play an 18-hole scramble format. Admission to the tournament is free on Saturday courtesy of Woodforest National Bank.

The Insperty Invitational offers free grounds only admission tickets courtesy of Insperty, 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 Insperty Invitational, fans are encouraged to visit [www.insperityinvitational.com](http://www.insperityinvitational.com).

### **About the Insperty Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare**

A PGA TOUR Champions event, the Insperty Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare features the world's premier golfers age 50 and older. Last year's tournament winner John Daly, will be returning to the Insperty Invitational to defend his title April 30-May 6, 2018. 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. Interfaith of The Woodlands, one of the local charities benefitting from the tournament, was named the 2016 PGA TOUR Champions Charity of the Year. The Insperty Invitational is grateful to have support from these official corporate partners: Woodforest National Bank, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, 3M, United Airlines, Northside Imports Houston – Alfa Romeo, Dr Pepper, Bai, National Car Rental, Sports Radio 610, Houston Chronicle, Texas Sports Nation and Vander Dys Fine Jewelers. Past champions include Larry Nelson, Jay Haas, Mark McNulty, three-time winner Bernhard Langer, John Cook, Fred Couples, Brad Faxon, Fred Funk, Esteban Toledo, Ian Woosnam and John Daly. For more information about the Tradition of Excellence at the Insperty Invitational, visit [www.insperityinvitational.com](http://www.insperityinvitational.com).

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PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of golf's most recognizable and accomplished players, age 50 and older, including 35 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Tour's mission 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 and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities.

In 2017, the PGA TOUR Champions schedule includes 26 tournaments in 18 states, Japan, Wales and Canada, with purses totaling more than \$55 million. The Charles Schwab Cup, which includes the Regular Season and the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, is used to determine the season-long champion. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air live, tape-delayed or in a highlights-package format in excess of 190 countries and territories, reaching more than 330 million potential households. The PGA TOUR's web site is PGATOUR.COM, the No. 1 site in golf, and the organization is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Follow PGA TOUR Champions at facebook.com/PGATOURChampions, on Twitter @ChampionsTour and on Instagram @pgatourchampions.

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