



Jesper Parnevik Set to Defend Insperity Invitational Title ***First-time PGA TOUR Champions winner returns to lead star-studded field***

THE WOODLANDS, TX – April 11, 2017 —Jesper Parnevik will lead what promises to be one of the strongest fields on the PGA TOUR Champions when he returns to the The Woodlands, TX for the Insperity Invitational, May 1-7, 2017.

Today, the smooth-swinging Swede, who captured his first victory on the senior circuit after posting three consecutive rounds in the 60s at the The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course last spring, along with tournament officials hosted a clinic on the Tournament Course driving range for the event's sponsors, Club members and media.

"It was fantastic to win. It was such a long time since my last victory that you forget how it feels," said Parnevik. "The Insperity Invitational is one of the best event's we play and I know one of favourite weeks of the year for all of the guys. It has the legends competing, attracts a strong field, and is so well organized that it makes it very special to win."

Parnevik became the fifth international player—and fourth consecutive— to win the Insperity Invitational, joining Mark McNulty, Bernhard Langer, Esteban Toledo and Ian Woosnam. Last year's four-shot triumph was Parnevik's first victory on TOUR in more than 15 years when he finished on top at the 2001 Honda Classic. One of the most colorful characters in professional golf battled injuries for nearly a decade before turning 50 in 2015.

"I was really looking forward to playing the PGA TOUR Champions because I've had so many injuries and haven't played much," said Parnevik. "This is a very competitive Tour. It is more relaxed but these guys can play and they want to win. I was looking forward to coming out here and competing. That is what kept me practicing so much. It was very nice to finally have it all come together and win last year."

Parvenik is the first of the 79-man field to commit in 2017. He can join Bernhard Langer as the only player in tournament history to successfully defend his title. Langer, a three-time champion, accomplished the feat by winning the 2007 and 2008 Insperity Invitational.

"There is no doubt Houston golf fans will once again be treated to an incredible show in May that will include golf's legends, World Golf Hall of Famers, and new stars on the PGA TOUR Champions that will battle it out this spring," said Bryan Naugle, Executive Director, Insperity Invitational. "I can't think of any better way to kick off this year's events than by welcoming Jesper back to The Woodlands. Texas has been good to him throughout his career and we are thrilled to have him back."

A unique invitational format on the PGA TOUR Champions, there are eight categories of eligibility to compete in the prestigious event. Additional players will be announced over the next three weeks.

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.inspertyinvitational.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 Jesper Parnevik, will be returning to the Insperty Invitational to defend his title on May 1-7, 2017. The Insperty 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. Interfaith of The Woodlands, one of the local charities benefitting from the tournament, was named the 2016 PGA TOUR Champions Charity of the Year. Past champions include Larry Nelson, Jay Haas, Mark McNulty, three-time winner Bernhard Langer, John Cook, Fred Couples, Brad Faxon, Fred Funk, Esteban Toledo and Ian Woosnam. For more information about the Insperty Invitational, visit www.inspertyinvitational.com

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