



**May 1-7, 2017**  
**The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course**  
**The Woodlands, TX**  
**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,025 Purse: \$2,150,000**

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**MONDAY - INSIDE THE INSPERITY INVITATIONAL**

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**Jesper Parnevik Set to Defend Insperity Invitational Title**

Jesper Parnevik will lead one of the strongest fields on the PGA TOUR Champions this week in The Woodlands, TX at the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare.

The smoot-swinging Swede captured his lone PGA TOUR Champions title one year ago after posting three rounds in the 60s at The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course.

“It was a fantastic 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 events we play and I know one of the favorite weeks of the year for all of the guys. It has the legends competing, attracts a strong field and is so organized that it makes it very special to win.”

The victory made Parnevik the fifth player in tournament history to make the Insperity Invitational his first PGA TOUR Champions victory. Others included: Ian Woosnam (2015), Bernhard Langer (2007), Brad Faxon (2011), and Esteban Toledo (2013).

**International Field Swings into The Woodlands**

Each of the top-30 names on the 2016 Charles Schwab Cup rankings will be in The Woodlands, TX this week. If that isn't enough, players representing 14 countries will be represented in the PGA TOUR Champions only invitational event including: United States, Canada, Wales, Australia, Germany, South Africa, England, Mexico, Thailand, Paraguay, Spain, Scotland, Ireland and Sweden.

The list of international stars who will tee it up include: Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez, who will make his first appearance at the Insperity Invitational; Colin Montgomerie; Jesper Parnevik; Bernhard Langer; Esteban Toledo; Ian Woosnam; Paul McGinley; Carlos Franco; Stephen Ames; and Fred Couples to name a few.

International players have had a lot of success in The Woodlands. Starting with Mexico's Esteban Toledo's victory in 2013, the last four events have been won by international-born players. Following Toledo's win, Bernhard Langer (Germany), Ian Woosnam (Wales) and Jesper Parnevik (Sweden) posted victories.

**Seven World Golf Hall of Famers Headline 2017 Field**

Seven World Golf Hall of Fame members will lead the best of the best on the PGA TOUR Champions into The Woodlands this week.

The seven members include: Fred Couples, Sandy Lyle, Colin Montgomerie, Bernhard Langer, Mark O'Meara, Tom Kite, and Larry Nelson.

### **Couples Set to Return for First Time Since 2014**

For the first time in three years, Fred Couples will compete in the Insperty Invitational. The former Houston Cougar and 2010 champion, who finished second to Bernhard Langer in his last appearance here, is off to a fast start this year after being sidelined for most of the 2016 campaign with back issues. In his five starts, he owns a win (Chubb Classic), a second (Mitsubishi Electric Championship in Hualalai), a fourth, fifth and sixth-place finish. Each of his 11 rounds have been below par.

### **What the Pros are Saying...**

There is just such great people here. They do an unbelievable job with this tournament. They hit on all cylinders and the players love coming. They don't miss any details here and you see that with the tribute to Arnold Palmer on the driving range. It really is a trickle down from Insperty. Insperty steps up and does it right. As far as the pros go, we love to be a part of it."

**...Russ Cochrane**

"The players are so excited to come up here each year. It is such a great golf course, and awesome fans here. This being an invitational makes it so special. There are players from all over the world, and that excites all of the players. The environment created here is amazing. The people are so friendly, and a lot of the money goes to charities in the area. This is the one baby. This is the Insperty Invitational and it doesn't get better than this."

**...Esteban Toledo**

### **Future Stars Highlight Tuesday's Junior Golf Day at the Insperty Invitational**

The 14th anniversary of the Insperty Invitational will heat up on Tuesday when 36 junior golfers (18 girls and 18 boys), ages seven-to-17, will tee it up on the back nine with PGA TOUR Champions professionals in the Junior Pro-Am.

The juniors, who will gain the full experience of a Tour player under the ropes, qualified to take part in the event through their finish in the spring junior championships conducted by the Southern Texas PGA.

The Junior Pro-Am will start at 1 p.m. The following are a list of Tour players that will participate on Tuesday:

Michael Allen	Paul McGinley	Steve Pate
John Cook	Larry Mize	Tom Pernice
Bob Gilder	Mark O'Meara	Tom Purtzer

### **Insperty Invitational and SUCCESS Deliver Thrilling Golf Experience for Kids with a Disability**

PGA TOUR Champions players will team up with the SUCCESS Golf Program (Students Undertaking Challenging Courses Ensuring Development of Sportsmanship and Skill) to deliver a thrilling golf experience for a group of Houston children with a disability on Tuesday.

The kids will play a portable nine-hole outdoor golf course that will be set up **on the driving range at The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course at 10 a.m.** while interacting with PGA TOUR Champions professionals.

SUCCESS Golf, part of the Be An Angel Foundation ([www.beanangel.org](http://www.beanangel.org)), is designed to help children with special needs develop fine motor skills and muscle control as they focus on learning golf. The program focuses on teaching the game of a lifetime to children who would not otherwise be able to participate in a sport or hobby. Early training in the game increases the chances that once these

children with multiple impairments become adults, they will have a lifelong activity to participate in and enjoy.

### **Did You Know?**

- 61 players in the field have combined to win 369 PGA TOUR titles;
- 19 players have won a total of 27 major titles on the PGA TOUR;
- There are four former U.S. Ryder Cup captains (Kite, Lehman, Pavin, Sutton) and four former International captains (McGinley, Langer, Woosnam, Montgomerie) in the field;
- Insperty Invitational is paying tribute to Arnold Palmer all week. Arnold's trademark umbrella will be visible all week throughout the course from the driving range, to volunteer hats and the 18th hole. Arnie's Army buttons will be given away on Sunday to the first 1,000 spectators.

### **3M Oil and Gas Greats of Golf Headline Tournament Week at Insperty**

The Greats of Golf are coming back, and bringing their friends!

For the sixth straight year, Insperty Invitational patrons will have the opportunity to see Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Lee Trevino participate in the 3M Greats of Golf competition Saturday, May 6.

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

This legendary group of 12 of the game's greatest players includes seven World Golf Hall of Fame members. The group has collected 213 PGA TOUR victories and 49 major championship titles. They will tee off following the official field's final group on Saturday around 12:30 p.m.

### **Insperty Invitational Radar::**

- The Junior Pro-Am will tee off on the Tournament Course on Tuesday at 1 p.m.;
- The Woodforest National Bank Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday and Thursday which will include the majority of the Insperty Invitational field. Tee times will be made available on Tuesday;
- The 14th annual Insperty Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare will be contested Friday, May 5 to Sunday, May 7. Tee times on Friday begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday's rounds will start at 7:30 a.m.;
- The Insperty Invitational benefits local Houston charities. A "PINK OUT" will take place on Saturday, May 6 in support of breast cancer awareness. **All spectators are encouraged to show their support and wear pink on Saturday.**

### **Tournament Information:**

Event web site – [www.insperityinvitational.com](http://www.insperityinvitational.com)

Field List – <http://www.insperityinvitational.com/spectators/player-field-spectators/>

PGA TOUR Champions information - <http://pgatourgolfmedia.com> (must login)

### **Ticket and Parking Information:**

The Insperty Invitational offers free grounds only admission tickets courtesy of Insperty, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, and Woodforest National Bank. Parking will be available at Woodforest Bank Stadium, 19115 David Memorial Drive in Shenandoah, where a shuttle service will run to and from the course.

For updated information on all aspects of the Insperty Invitational, fans are encouraged to visit [www.InspertyInvitational.com](http://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. Managed and operated by Pro Links Sports, in 2008, the tournament received the prestigious Presidents Award as the best event on the PGA TOUR Champions, 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, Mercedes-Benz of The Woodlands, Breitling, Dr Pepper, Bai, National Car Rental, Houston Chronicle, KPRC-TV, Sports Radio 610, 3M, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Vander Dys Fine Jewelers, and United Airlines. 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 Tradition of Excellence at the Insperty Invitational, visit [www.insperityinvitational.com](http://www.insperityinvitational.com).

### **About Insperty**

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