

# The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course The Woodlands, TX Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,018 Purse: \$2,100,000

May 4, 2016

# WEDNESDAY MEDIA ROUND-UP

## Pre-Tournament Player Interviews in the Media Center

Defending champion, Ian Woosnam, and three-time winner on the PGA Champions Tour in 2016, Woody Austin, will drop into the Media Center on Thursday at the following times:

# 11 a.m. Ian Woosnam

# 11:30 a.m. Woody Austin

# John Daly Quotes: (See Attached Complete Transcripts)

"I'm excited to get going. It's good to see all my buddies out here again. It's more laid back of a Tour, but it's very competitive as I've watched over the years. The guys do go low out here so you've got to have game – no doubt about it."

"If I had three or four tournaments under my belt I might have a bit more confidence to hit more drivers and take risks. But for me, I just want to keep the ball in play if I can, hit a lot of greens and give myself opportunities the best I can, and just kind of get a feel for everything."

"For me I still get a little nervous being around these legends. A lot of them I grew up idolizing. I'm playing with Fuzzy and I'm even a little nervous playing around him. These guys were my heroes. I just hope the fans show up because these guys really are the legends of the game. There are a lot of major winners out here."

## Thursday Featured Pro-Am Tee Times (See Attached Completed Tee Times)

8:30 a.m. Billy Andrade (Tee #10)
8:40 a.m. Colin Montgomerie (Tee #1)
8:50 a.m. Tom Lehman (Tee #1)
9 a.m. Mark O'Meara (Tee #1)
12:30 p.m. Ian Woosnam (Tee #1)
1:10 p.m. Woody Austin (Tee #10)

## Woody Austin Chases History

Woody Austin, who has won three of the last four PGA TOUR Champions events, stands to make history if he can snag another victory this week at the Insperity Invitational. Should he win at The Woodlands, he could become the first PGA TOUR Champions player to win three straight starts since Fred Couples accomplished the feat in 2010. Austin's recent run of success began at the Tucson Conquistadores Charity Classic in March, when he usurped Jim Carter in the final round. Then, after a disappointing finish at the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic, he rebounded with two consecutive wins at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic and at the Tour's most recent event, the Bass Pro Legends of Golf.

# Wedding Bells for McCarron

It's not every day that a player gets married in the middle of a PGA TOUR Champions event. On April 23 – shortly after the conclusion of the second round of the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf in Ridgedale, Missouri – McCarron tied the knot in the Chapel of the Ozarks, which sits just to the right of the first tee box at the Top of the Rock golf course. McCarron told *Golfweek* that as soon as he saw the chapel, the idea began percolating. In the middle of the week, he went fishing with Legends teammate Brad Faxon and his wife, Dory, and told Dory that if she caught a fish, he'd get married that weekend. Lo and behold, Dory caught a fish, and three days later, there were wedding bells.

# John Daly to Tee it Up with Buds Fuzzy Zoller and Peter Jacobsen in Opening Round

John Daly will make a grand entrance onto the PGA TOUR Champions with two of his longtime pals.

The two-time major winner will hit his opening shot on the senior circuit playing alongside Fuzzy Zoeller and Peter Jacobsen in the second-last pairing Friday at 12:30 p.m. on the first tee.

"Those guys are two of my best buds when we played together on the regular Tour so we're going to have a lot of laughs, have a lot of fun and it's going to be real competitive as well. We're going to be rooting each other on. I am going to want to beat them as much as they want to beat me, but we want to beat it with the best of our game. That's what is so different about being out here," said Daly.

# Did You Know?

- There are players form 11 different countries in the 81-man field this week in The Woodlands, TX;
- There will be 12 players with ties to Texas in the field this week;
- Colin Montgomerie attended Houston Baptist University;
- There are 64 players in the field who have won a combined 305 PGA TOUR events, including 16 major championships;
- 54 players have combined to win 258 victories on the PGA TOUR Champions including 23 major titles;
- MD Anderson Cancer Center is on the grounds this week reminding you to stay safe in the sun. The sun's rays are the strongest from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Beat the heat and enjoy free shaded seating on Hole #1 and 18, courtesy of MD Anderson;
- The first 1,000 spectators through the main gate on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will get a gift item as a souvenir. The first 1,000 fans on Friday will receive a John Daly bobblehead doll to celebrate the two-time major winner's PGA TOUR Champions debut.

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

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

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, May 7.

Nicklaus, Player and Trevino will play an 18-hole scramble format against two other teams composed of David Graham, Tom Weiskopf and Tony Jacklin, and Hale Irwin, Ben Crenshaw and Dave Stockton.

This legendary and world-class group of the game's greatest players have combined for more than 300 PGA TOUR victories, over 50 major championships and more than 150 Champions Tour titles. The 3M Oil and Gas Greats of Golf will tee off following the last tee time of Saturday's official competition.

## Insperity Invitational Radar:;

• The final Woodforest National Bank Pro-Am will be held on Thursday startinga t 7:20 a.m.

- The 13th annual Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare will be contested Friday, May 6 to Sunday, May 8. Tee times on Friday begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday's round will start at 9 a.m.;
- The Insperity Invitatioanl benefits local Houston charities including: Golfers Against Cancer, STPGA Junior Programs, Arabia Shriners, Interfaith of The Woodlands, UnitedHealthcare Children's Foundation. A "PINK OUT" will take place on Sunday, May 8 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 Field List – http://www.insperityinvitational.com/uploads/2016/05/2016-Field-List-04-29-16.pdf PGA TOUR Champions information - http://pgatourgolfmedia.com (must login)

# **Ticket and Parking Information:**

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

For updated information on all aspects of the Insperity Invitational, fans are encouraged to visit 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

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