



**April 29 – May 5, 2019**  
**The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course**  
**The Woodlands, TX**  
**Par/Yards: 36-36—72/7,025 Purse: \$2,200,000**

**May 2, 2019**

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**THURSDAY - INSIDE THE INSPERITY INVITATIONAL**

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**John Daly Goes Head to Head in Long Drive Competition against 12 Houston Area Residents**

Coined Fuzzy's Ultra Premium Vodka Outdrive John Daly, the Insperity Invitational will host a Grip It and Rip It Long Drive Competition for the third consecutive year – giving 12 Houston area residents the chance to outdrive John Daly on Friday, May 3 at The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course.

Emceed by Fuzzy himself, the 12 contestants will each have three chances to outdrive John Daly on the driving range immediately following the first round of play. The contestant with the longest drive, who outdrives John Daly, will win a trip for two to play golf with Fuzzy Zoeller at his home course in Southern Indiana. The trip includes airfare, lodging, golf and dinner with Fuzzy.

Local qualifying events were held at private and public venues throughout Houston to determine the 12 contestants.

Contestants hitting order will be determined during a meet and greet with Daly, the 2017 Insperity Invitational champion, just prior to teeing it up.

**Tom Watson Returns to the Insperity Invitational for First Time Since 2009**

"This is a wonderful golf tournament. The people who run this golf tournament and the sponsors – they go all out! It's one of the best-run golf tournaments, the most actively involved golf tournaments we have on the PGA TOUR Champions."

"I particularly like the golf course. The Woodlands has always been very enjoyable to me. There is a lot of variety to it, a lot of different changes in directions. It makes you think. The premier quality of any golf course is it makes you think from the first shot to the last putt. And this golf course does that."

"I enjoy the competition. The competition is what motivates me. I am a golfer. That's the bottom line, that's what I am. I have been a golfer since I was about nine years old, when I got cut from the Midget B tryouts in baseball. I couldn't play baseball that summer and I had to play golf. The rest is history."

**Retief Goosen Thoughts in Advance of Making his Insperity Invitational Debut**

"All of the golf courses have been fairly new for me, so I need to get a handle on that quickly. Overall, it's been very exciting so far (competing on the PGA TOUR Champions). I enjoy it out here. Its been good fun."

"You get here and it's no different to any other tour; the guys are grinding it out, working out in the gym, so it's exactly what I expected. I didn't quite believe the guys. In our dreams all the guys here that are champions, they grind it out and they want to be out there and work at it and get better."

"Tom (Watson) to me growing up was one of my heroes, watching him. I learned my short game from his book. I learned to swing from Jack Nicklaus' book and Ben Hogan a little, and Tom Watson, the short game. I've always admired Tom. He's a great guy, a great person, very strong mentally. I'm sure he's not too far away from deciding that he's going to hang up the clubs maybe, but every time he's out on the golf course, he really brings something special to the tournament."

## **Friday's Featured First Round Pairings**

### **Tee #1**

11:02 a.m. Retief Goosen, Fred Funk, John Huston  
11:23 a.m. Scott Parel, John Daly, Tom Lehman  
11:54 a.m. Mark O'Meara, Rocco Mediate, Kenny Perry

### **Tee #10**

11:23 a.m. Colin Montgomerie, Paul Lawrie, Darren Clarke  
11:33 a.m. Bernhard Langer, Jeff Maggert, Tom Watson  
12:15 a.m. Ian Woosnam, Miguel Angel Jimenez

## **Annika Sorenstam, Nancy Lopez, Pat Bradley, Juli Inkster, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Lee Trevino to Meet with Media Saturday**

Media will have the opportunity to interview Annika Sorenstam, Nancy Lopez, Pat Bradley, Juli Inkster, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Lee Trevino on Saturday prior to competing in the annual 3M Greats of Golf competition.

The seven World Golf Hall of Famers will be in the Media Center beginning at the following times:

10:30 a.m. – Annika Sorenstam, Nancy Lopez, Pat Bradley, Juli Inkster  
10:45 a.m. – Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Lee Trevino

Golf's greats have been coming to The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course for a special Saturday competition for the last seven years.

Annika will be paired up with Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and Lee Trevino. Pat Bradley will tee it up with Tom Weiskopf, David Graham and Tony Jacklin. Nancy Lopez will join forces with Dave Stockton, Larry Nelson and Hale Irwin, while Juli Inkster will team up with Fuzzy Zoeller, Ben Crenshaw and Bill Rogers.

Tee times will begin around 12:30 p.m. on Saturday.

## **Did You Know?**

- Tom Watson will be making his 826th start combined on the PGA TOUR and PGA Champions Tour at this week's Insperty Invitational;
- The 78 players in this year's field represent 12 countries around the world including: United States; Canada; Mexico; Scotland; Ireland; Germany; Sweden; Wales; Spain; England; South Africa; and Fiji;
- PGA TOUR major winners Vijay Singh, Paul Lawrie, Shaun Micheel, Jose Maria Olazabal, Darren Clarke and Retief Goosen are all making their first appearance at the Insperty Invitational;
- The three-day winning score at three of the last five Insperty Invitational events has been -11. Bernhard Langer (2014); Ian Woosnam (2015); and Bernhard Langer (2018);
- The first 1,000 spectators to enter through the main gate on Friday, Saturday and Sunday will receive a complimentary gift item.
- Golf Channel will broadcast live all three rounds of the Insperty Invitational:
  - Friday, May 3 – 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
  - Saturday, May 4 – 2-5 p.m.
  - Sunday, May 5 – 2-5 p.m.

## **Insperty Invitational Delivers Interactive Golf App**

The Insperty Invitational has once again teamed up with Steve Elkington and Secret Golf to take the fan experience to create the Insperty Interactive Golf App.

The App includes detailed course strategy at The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course from Steve Elkington - a winner of 10 PGA TOUR events that includes two Players Championships and the 1995 PGA Championship.

Developed in partnership with Best Approach and StrackaLine, the App includes a GPS-enabled yardage guide with superb graphics and flyovers by Best Approach, Inc. as well as an innovative Putt Predictor from StrackaLine, Inc., allowing fans

both at the event and at home, to see which way and how balls will move on a green before professionals make a putting stroke. Daily pairings, contests and spectator information along with push notifications from sponsors can also be found in this innovative and exciting new approach to watching professional golf.

For a preview on the Insperity Interactive Golf App:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/insperity-interactive-golf/id1367976674?mt=8>

#### **Insperity Invitational Radar;**

- Fuzzy's Ultimate Premium Vodka Outdrive John Daly Competition, May 3, following play;
- The 16th annual Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare will be contested Friday, May 3 to Sunday, May 5. Tee times on Friday begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday's round starts at 7 a.m., while Sunday's round is at 7:30 a.m. (all times approximate);
- The Insperity Invitational benefits local Houston charities. A "PINK OUT" will take place on Saturday, May 4 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 – <https://insperityinvitational.com/tournament-information/player-field/>

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, and Woodforest National Bank. 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 Insperity Invitational, fans are encouraged to visit [www.insperityinvitational.com](http://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, Bernhard Langer, will be returning to the Insperity Invitational to defend his title April 29-May 5, 2019. 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 Insperity Invitational is grateful to have support from these official corporate partners: Woodforest National Bank, 3M, United Airlines, Northside Imports Houston – Alfa Romeo, Keurig Dr Pepper, Bai, National Car Rental, Sports Radio 610, 9 Iron Wines, Houston Chronicle, Texas Sports Nation, Miller Lite, Shiner Bock and Vander Dys Fine Jewelers. Past champions include Larry Nelson, Jay Haas, Mark McNulty, four-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 Insperity Invitational, visit [www.insperityinvitational.com](http://www.insperityinvitational.com), on Instagram @insperityinvitational, Twitter @InsperityInvtnl, or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/InsperityInvitational](http://www.facebook.com/InsperityInvitational).

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