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**Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare Tees Up 2022 Event
with Eight Former Champions
*Whiskey & War Stories, Fuzzy's Vodka Outdrive John Daly Contest, Girls Golf Clinic with
Annika included in Tournament week activities***

THE WOODLANDS, TX—Mike Weir is one of eight former champions who were first to add their names to the tee sheet for the 19th edition of the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare, April 25 to May 1, 2022.

Weir, who captured his first victory on the PGA TOUR Champions during a rain-shortened event in 2021, will look to successfully defend this title while battling a star-studded lineup including seven other stars on the 50 and over TOUR who have hoisted the prestigious Insperity Invitational trophy including: **Scott McCarron** (2019), **Bernhard Langer** (2018, 2014, 2008, 2007), **John Daly** (2017), **Jesper Parnevik** (2016), **Esteban Toledo** (2013), **Fred Funk** (2012), and **Jay Haas** (2006).

“Each of these Champions have been great ambassadors for our tournament throughout the last two decades, and we are thrilled to have them back as the Tradition of Excellence continues in The Woodlands,” said Bryan Naugle, Executive Director, Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare. “Once again Houston area golf fans will be treated to an incredible show at the end of April that will include golf’s legends, World Golf Hall of Famers, and new stars on the PGA TOUR Champions who have booked their tickets for our event.”

Weir, the 2003 Masters champion, won the 2021 event by two strokes following an epic dual down the finishing stretch with John Daly. Exchanging birdies on the final nine holes, Weir and Daly were tied heading to the 18th tee on Sunday. With Daly one group ahead playing the final hole and Weir on the tee box, the 2017 Insperity Invitational champion dropped his approach shot in the water surrounding the 18th green that led to a double bogey and second place at 8-under.

Daly, who made his PGA TOUR Champions debut at the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare in 2016 notched his first-and-only victory on the senior TOUR in southern Texas a year later, will also be back in one month’s time.

Weir and Daly are not alone in the having the award-winning Tournament being the site of their first PGA TOUR Champions title. That was also the case for Bernhard Langer who notched his first of 43 PGA TOUR Champions wins in 2007 in Texas. Jesper Parnevik also won his first title in 2016. A five-time winner on the PGA TOUR, the colorful Swede’s first victory came three years after Esteban Toledo chalked up one of the most memorable first-time wins on The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course in 2013, celebrating Cinco de Mayo by becoming the first Mexican winner in PGA TOUR Champions history, winning on the third playoff hole.

In addition to attracting big name players, Naugle and his team hope to reconnect with fans of all ages through a week filled with activities for the first time since 2019. The event was cancelled in 2020 and operated under restrictions last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following is a list of planned events.

Whiskey & War Stories

Horse Soldier Bourbon Whiskey Story

Much of our brotherhood was forged in fire during the first days after the 9/11 attacks. Immediately following this affront on our nation, the USA responded with a daring insertion of small teams of Green Berets into northern Afghanistan. The Northern Alliance successfully overthrew Mazar-i-Sharif, a Taliban stronghold, with the support of these brave men. This region's inhospitable, mountainous terrain made efforts and enemy engagements on wild Afghan horses a necessity for one Special Operations team (ODA595). Nicknamed the "Horse Soldiers", all these brave men are honored today by America's Response Monument overlooking "Ground Zero" in New York City.

Their story inspired a book, a movie and American Freedom Distillery which produces the award-winning Horse Soldier Bourbon. The New York City Port Authority donated steel recovered from the World Trade Center after 9/11 to the team. Each bottle of Horse Soldier is formed in molds of this steel to honor the spirit of resilience and service that arose after the attack on our nation.

Whiskey & War Stories is a Horse Soldier event that will take place on Monday, April 25 at The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course during the Insperity Invitational tournament week. It takes attendees from the initial days after 9/11 to adventures today working together to build a great all-American company and great bourbon whiskey.

Attendees will enjoy dinner, sample Horse Soldiers signature bourbon whiskeys and have the honor of listening to first hand accounts from Will Summers and Bob Pennington, two of the Horse Soldiers. Each attendee will receive a signed bottle of Horse Soldier Bourbon Whiskey. Tickets can be purchased by going to www.insperityinvitational.com.

Fuzzy's Vodka Outdrive John Daly

For the fifth time, the Insperity Invitational will qualify up to 12 competitors to try and out drive John Daly after the first round of play on April 29. The event, hosted by Fuzzy Zoeller, is a fan favorite and gives fans the chance to bear witness to some of the longest hitters in the Houston area. Whoever out drives John Daly and beats their fellow competitors will win a trip for two to play golf at Fuzzy Zoeller's home course in Southern Indiana and have dinner with Fuzzy. The trip includes airfare, lodging, golf and dinner with Fuzzy. The Tournament will host local qualifiers at public venues where the winner of each will get the chance to take down Long John. The finals will take place on **Friday, April 29** immediately after the first round of the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare. **Estimated start time will be 5:15 PM.**

QUALIFYING SITES – OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Atascosite Golf Club – March 26

Swing Zone – March 28–April 15

Wildcat Golf Course – April 13

“Share My Passion” Girls Clinic with Annika

The Insperity Invitational will partner with the Annika Foundation to offer young girls the opportunity to learn from one of the best golfers to ever play the game, Annika Sorenstam.

This unique event asks girls (ages 6-14) to record a video or write an ‘open letter’ to Annika telling her why you love golf and why other girls should learn how to play. The authors of the 50 most compelling letters or videos will be invited to attend the ‘Share My Passion’ Girls Golf Clinic at no cost. It will be held during the final round of the Insperity Invitational on Sunday, May 1 at The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course.

The day will begin with lunch in the clubhouse as the last groups begin their final round. Following the last tee time, the girls will make their way to the driving range to learn from Annika and other local teaching professionals.

To enter the contest, **please visit:** <https://insperityinvitational.com/tournament-information/about-us-2/>

“We are committed to not only ensuring Houston area golf fans have the opportunity to watch many of the best names in the game, but also to continue finding innovative ways to introduce more people to our event, while delivering a memorable experience for all ages to enjoy,” added Naugle. “These events promise to bring another level of excitement to Tournament week while connecting the community with golf’s stars through an entertaining series of events that has something for everyone.”

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. With the support of its Official Sponsors: Woodforest National Bank, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, 3M, Alfa Romeo, Pepsi, Sports Radio 610, National Car Rental, Vander Dys Fine Jewelers and Horse Soldier Bourbon Whiskey, the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare 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, four-time winner Bernhard Langer, John Cook, Fred Couples, Brad Faxon, Fred Funk, Esteban Toledo, Ian Woosnam, John Daly, Scott McCarron and Mike Weir. For more information about the Tradition of Excellence at the Insperity Invitational, visit www.insperityinvitational.com, on Instagram @insperityinvitational, Twitter @InsperityInvtnl, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/InsperityInvitational.

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