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**Fred Couples and Steve Stricker Round Out Stellar International Field Confirmed for
2022 Insperty Invitational**
*Players to represent 16 countries, Nine World Golf Hall of Famers, 16 Greats of Golf Return to The
Woodlands*

THE WOODLANDS, TX—Fred Couples and Steve Stricker will round out a deep international field that features players from 16 countries who are ready to tee it up at the 19th Insperty Invitational presented by Unitedhealthcare in The Woodlands, TX, April 25 – May 1, 2022.

Couples became the ninth World Golf Hall of Famer member to commit to the PGA TOUR Champions event, while Steve Stricker confirmed he will make his first start of the season at The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course.

Couples won the 2010 Insperty Invitational by seven shots following a sizzling 29 on the back nine to post a final round 63 which locked up one of his 13 victories on the PGA TOUR Champions. This week will be his first visit to The Woodlands since 2017.

"I have always enjoyed coming back to Houston having gone to school here, and where I have also had some success winning a couple of times," said Couples. "The Insperty Invitational is highly regarded as one of the best events we play on Tour. We have another incredible field coming this year, and I hope the community will be able to enjoy watching some great golf at the Tournament Course. I know it will be another awesome week."

A winner of 15 PGA TOUR events including the 2003 Houston Open, the smooth swinging bomber is remembered most for his 1992 triumph at the Masters Tournament. Once graduating to the senior circuit, he made an immediate statement. Finishing second in his first start, he went on to win his next three events, becoming the first player ever to win three of his first four tournaments. Couples has two major championship victories on the PGA TOUR Champions: 2011 Senior Players Championship, and The Senior Open Championship in 2012.

Steve Stricker will make his first return to the PGA TOUR Champions. The captain of the victorious United States squad at the 2021 Ryder Cup, Stricker was also picked as a vice-captain for the 2018 team. Stricker represented the United States three times at the Ryder Cup.

A 12-time winner on the PGA TOUR, the 55-year-old Stricker has won seven times since joining the PGA TOUR Champions in 2017. A two-time PGA TOUR Comeback Player of the Year, Stricker has two, top-five major finishes in his career: finished fourth at the 2016 Open Championship, and was runner-up at the 1998 PGA Championship.

"Steve Stricker and Fred Couples are both fan-favorites wherever they tee it up, and that is certainly the case here down in southern Texas," said Bryan Naugle, executive director, Insperty Invitational. "Given Freddie's connection to Houston, along with Steve being healthy again and ready to get back inside the ropes for the first time definitely elevates the anticipation of our event."

“We are so thrilled to have them both in our field which showcases everything in the world of golf. It includes 29 of the top 30 on the PGA TOUR Champions’ Charles Schwab Cup Money List; nine Hall of Famers; 20 major winners; and dozens of PGA TOUR title holders. Even more special, is we are thrilled to welcome players joining us from 16 countries around the world.”

Countries represented include: **Australia** (Stuart Appleby, Robert Allenby, Rod Pampling, John Senden); **Canada** (Stephen Ames, Mike Weir); **England** (Paul Broadhurst); **Fiji** (Vijay Singh); **Germany** (Bernhard Langer, Alex Cejka); **Ireland** (Paul McGinley, Pdraig Harrington); **Mexico** (Esteban Toledo); **New Zealand** (Steven Alker); **Northern Ireland** (Darren Clarke); **Scotland** (Sandy Lyle, Colin Montgomerie); **South Africa** (Ernie Els, Retief Goosen); **South Korea** (K.J. Choi, Y.E. Yang); **Spain** (Miguel Angel Jiménez, José María Olazábal); **Sweden** (Robert Karlsson, Jesper Parnevik); **Wales** (Stephen Dodd) and the **United States** including PGA TOUR Champions rookie, David Duval.

[Complete 2022 Insperity Invitational Field](#)

Fred Couples is amongst nine World Golf Hall of Fame members in the field including: **Ernie Els; Retief Goosen, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Jose Maria Olazabal, Colin Montgomerie, Mark O’Meara, and Vijay Singh.**

The lineup of players in 2022 also boasts nine of the tournament’s previous champions including: defending champion, **Mike Weir** (2021), **Scott McCarron** (2019), **Bernhard Langer** (2018, 2014, 2008, 2007), **John Daly** (2017), **Jesper Parnevik** (2016), **Esteban Toledo** (2013), **Fred Funk** (2012), **Fred Couples** (2010) and **Jay Haas** (2006).

In addition, **Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Lee Trevino** along with 10 fellow World Golf Hall of Famers including lady legends – **Annika Sorenstam, Pat Bradley, Juli Inkster and Laura Davies** – will join 16 of the game’s best ever for the 3M Greats of Golf. The distinguished group have combined to win 232 PGA TOUR victories, 155 LPGA TOUR victories, 78 major championship titles, and 158 PGA TOUR Champions wins,

The ninth edition of the 3M Greats of Golf will take place on Saturday, April 30 following the last official tee time of Saturday’s second round of the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare at approximately **2:30 p.m off the 10th tee.**

The Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare offers free grounds only admission tickets courtesy of Insperity, Woodforest National Bank, and Hewlett Packard Enterprise. Spectators are encouraged to “Fill the Hill” around the 18th green.

The grounds ticket also includes free parking and shuttle service. General public parking will be as follows: **WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY** – The Church Project 602 Pruitt Road in The Woodlands, and **SATURDAY & SUNDAY** – the Green, Yellow and Orange lots on Timberloch between Six Pines Drive and Grogan’s Mill in The Woodlands. For updated information on all aspects of the Insperity Invitational, fans are encouraged to visit www.insperityinvitational.com.

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