



# Insperity Invitational

## First-Round Notes

Friday, April 29, 2022

The Woodlands Country Club | The Woodlands, Texas  
7th of 27 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2022 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,010 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 72.039
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy with highs in the mid-80s and winds SSE 10-15 mph
- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](http://PGATOURMedia.com)

	Player	To Par	Scores
T1.	Steve Stricker	-5	34-33 – 67
T1.	Steven Alker	-5	34-33 – 67
T1.	Ernie Els	-5	32-35 – 67
T4.	Eight players tied	-4	

### Things to Know

- After not playing professional golf in six months due to an illness, **Steve Stricker** shares the first-round lead with **Steven Alker** and **Ernie Els** after each shooting 5-under 67 at the 2022 Insperity Invitational.

### Steve Stricker, 34-33 – 67 (-5)

- In his Insperity Invitational debut, he leads/co-leads after the first round for the seventh time since joining PGA TOUR Champions in 2017
  - Most recent: Won 2021 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship
  - 3-for-6 in converting first-round leads into wins
- Finished T7 in his last outing on PGA TOUR Champions at Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS (October 10, 2021)
- Posted 11 top-10 finishes including two wins (2021 Chubb Classic; 2021 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship) in 13 events during 2020-21 season
- Seeking his eighth win on PGA TOUR Champions

### Steven Alker, 34-33 – 67 (-5)

- Marks his second time leading/co-leading following the first round in his debut at the Insperity Invitational
  - 0-for-1 in converting to wins (T4; 2021 Dominion Energy Charity Classic)
- Leads the field in greens in regulation following round one (16 of 18)
- Seeking his third PGA TOUR Champions win (2021 TimberTech Championship; 2022 Rapiscan Systems Classic)
- Finished P2 last week at the 2022 ClubCorp Classic after losing in a playoff to Scott Parel and Gene Sauers
- Posted four top-10 finishes in six starts during the 2022 season

### Ernie Els, 32-35 – 67 (-5)

- Marks the third time leading/co-leading after the first round
  - 0-for-2 in converting a first-round lead into a win
- Carded the best front nine of the day with a 32
- Finished T20 at the 2021 Insperity Invitational
- Seeking his third win on PGA TOUR Champions since joining in 2020 (2020 Hoag Classic; 2020 SAS Championship)
- Has posted three top-10 finishes in five starts during the 2022 season

**Other Notes**

- Eight players sit T4 after carding 4-under 68 including Charles Schwab Cup leader **Miguel Angel Jimenez**, **Woody Austin**, **Tim Petrovic**, **Chris DiMarco**, **Shane Bertsch**, **Brandt Jobe**, **Retief Goosen** and **Scott Verplank**.
- 2017 Insperity Invitational Champion **John Daly** carded the best back nine of the day with a 32.
- Defending Champion **Mike Weir** sits T23 after carding 1-under 71 following round one.
- **Scott Hoch** W/D during the first round.
- **Darren Clarke** W/D before the start of round one and was replaced by **David McKenzie**.