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PGA TOUR Champions Rookies David Duval, Padraig Harrington, Robert Allenby and Stuart Appleby Book Tickets for 2022 Insperity Invitational Eight World Golf Hall of Famers, Eight Former Champions, 3M Greats of Golf Return to The Woodlands

THE WOODLANDS, TX—Two major winners and two Aussies who represent the rookie class on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2022 will lead nine players making their first trip to the Insperity Invitational presented UnitedHealthcare, April 25 – May 1.

Former world number one, **David Duval**, and Ireland's **Padraig Harrington** – a three-time major winner – along with Australia's **Robert Allenby** and **Stuart Appleby** will all be searching for their first victory against the 50+ crowd when they tee it up at The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course – a venue that witnessed Duval (1998), Appleby (1999) and Allenby (2000) all win the Houston Open on the PGA TOUR.

"One of the most compelling characteristics of the PGA TOUR Champions is golf's biggest names turn into rookies on our Tour each year," said Bryan Naugle, Executive Director, Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare. "This year is no different as we welcome another strong rookie class including David, Padraig, Robert and Stuart, back to the Houston area. They all still have a lot of game in them, and are great additions to our field."

All four players are no strangers to the winner's circle. Together, they bring 32 PGA TOUR titles with them to the senior circuit.

Duval is a 13-time winner on the PGA TOUR whose final victory was the 2001 Open Championship. He introduced himself to the world with seven second-place finishes from 1995-1997 after breaking onto the PGA TOUR, and qualified for the 1996 Presidents Cup where he was undefeated for the Americans. A two-time member of the United States Ryder Cup Team, Duval also posted two, second place finishes at both The Masters and U.S. Open.

Ireland's Padraig Harrington brings 31 victories worldwide with him to the Insperity Invitational. Not only was Harrington the first player from Ireland to win the Claret Jug in 60 years (2007), he was the first European to successfully defend his British Open title in nearly a century the following summer (2008). A six-time Ryder Cup European Team Member added his third major title to his resume when he also won the 2008 PGA Championship which brought him to third in the Official World Golf Rankings.

"I really enjoy it. I was shocked. I'm substantially longer than the field and yet I got lapped in the first two events," said Harrington, who has played four times on the PGA TOUR Champions. "These guys were just running by me. I played with Bernhard [Langer] and he made me look like an amateur golfer. It was a lesson for me. If I want to go out there and beat these guys – just because you hit it past them ain't going to do it. You have to be very good with your wedges and very good with your scoring."

Robert Allenby and Stuart Appleby will also be searching for their first PGA TOUR Champions title when they arrive in The Woodlands. Allenby won four times on the PGA TOUR, while Appleby racked up nine titles in his career. Both of them represented the International squad five times at the Presidents Cup.

The four rookies will be joined by five others making their first appearance at the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare. Alex Cejka, whose two victories on the PGA TOUR Champions were both majors during his rookie season last year, will look to get back in the winner's circle. South Korea's K.J. Choi – who used to live in The Woodlands – will make his return to the community. Choi won eight times on the PGA TOUR before turning 50 last year. Welshman, Stephen Dodd, who won the 2021 Senior Open Championship and was also ranked number one on the European Senior Order of Merit last year will be in The Woodlands. Korean, Y.E. Yang, who came from behind to defeat Tiger Woods to win the 2009 PGA Championship, will join fellow first-timer Steven Alker in adding their names to the tee sheet that features eight World Golf Hall of Fame members: Ernie Els; Retief Goosen; Bernhard Langer; Sandy Lyle; Jose Maria Olazabal; Colin Montgomerie; Mark O'Meara, and Vijay Singh.

The Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare also announced earlier that Langer will be one of eight former champions who will also tee it up in 2022. The impressive list includes **Mike Weir** (2021), **Scott McCarron** (2019), **Bernhard Langer** (2018, 2014, 2008, 2007), **John Daly** (2017), **Jesper Parnevik** (2016), **Esteban Toledeo** (2013), **Fred Funk** (2012), 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 <u>www.insperityinvitational.com</u>.

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 <u>www.insperityinvitational.com</u>, on Instagram @insperityinvitational, Twitter @InsperityInvtnl, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/InsperityInvitational.

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