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World Golf Hall of Famer Bernhard Langer Returns to PGA TOUR Champions Joining Steve Stricker to Round Out Stellar International Insperty Invitational Field
Six World Golf Hall of Famers, 19 countries represented, 17 PGA TOUR major winners bringing more than 360 titles to Texas

THE WOODLANDS, TX— The most accomplished player in the history of the PGA TOUR Champions, Bernhard Langer, will make his return to golf at the Insperty Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare, April 29 – May 5, following a recent surgery for an achilles' tendon tear. It is an event that he has won four times throughout his illustrious career.

At 66 years old, the legendary German has racked up 46 wins on the PGA TOUR Champions. The ageless Langer has accumulated 28 titles after the age of 57 and 13 of his wins have come following his 60th birthday. The only player to win after turning 64, which he has done four times, Langer is also the only player in history to win every major on the senior swing.

“Statistically, they say that guys win the most tournaments from age 50 to 55 on the PGA TOUR Champions, and then they kind of drop off. I’m trying to continue to prove them wrong,” said Langer, who had surgery in February and is also a new Insperty Ambassador. “It is definitely nice to have won the Insperty Invitational four times. This tournament has a special place in my heart. It was my first victory out here on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2007, and it is just a fantastic event all around. I am looking forward to making my return to competition in The Woodlands.”

Langer has won more than 130 professional golf tournaments around the world throughout his illustrious career. A three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, including the 1993 and 1985 Masters, Langer also has 12 major victories on the senior swing. He is one of only five players to have won tournaments on all six continents that golf is played. He has played on 10 Ryder Cup teams and captained the European squad to victory in 2004.

Steve Stricker also confirmed he will be back in The Woodlands. The captain of the victorious United States squad at the 2021 Ryder Cup, Stricker was a 12-time winner on the PGA TOUR. The 57-year-old has won 17 times since joining the PGA TOUR Champions in 2017 including six victories in 2023. 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.

“Having Bernhard back, and Steve also committing to join us next week, are both huge additions to our tournament. I know golf fans in Texas will be anxious to watch both of them in action at the Insperty Invitational,” said Bryan Naugle, Executive Director, Insperty Invitational. “We moved our event to an “Invitational” format in 2014 with the goal of attracting a deep, international field, and we have done just that again in 2024. With the addition of Bernhard on this year’s tee sheet, we are excited to welcome 32 players from 19 countries outside of the United States to southern Texas.”

One of those is the only player in the Insperity Invitational's 21-year history, other than Langer, to win the event back-to-back. **New Zealand's Steven Alker** will be on the hunt for a three-peat next week in The Woodlands. With his son on the bag, and his late caddie Sam Workman's Texas-based friends and family creating a sea of orange in the gallery on Sunday wearing Astros jerseys, Alker successfully defended his title last year with rounds of 66-69-66.

Alker and Langer will mix it up with players from around the globe including five other World Golf Hall of Famers including: **Ernie Els** (South Africa); **Retief Goosen** (South Africa); **Colin Montgomerie** (Scotland); **Mark O'Meara** (USA); and **Vijay Singh** (Fiji).

The impressive list of international names also includes: **Stuart Appleby, Richard Green, Mark Hensby, Rod Pampling and John Senden** (Australia); **Stephen Ames and Mike Weir** (Canada); **Thomas Bjorn** (Denmark); **Paul Broadhurst** (England); **Alex Cejka** (Germany); **Arjun Atwal** (India); **Padraig Harrington and Paul McGinley** (Ireland); **Esteban Toledo** (Mexico); **Darren Clarke** (Northern Ireland); **K.J. Choi and Y.E. Yang** (South Korea); **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (Spain); **Robert Karlsson and Jesper Parnevik** (Sweden); **Thongchai Jaidee** (Thailand); **Stephen Dodd** (Wales) along with a high-powered group of Americans including **John Daly, David Duval, Justin Leonard, and David Toms**.

The complete 2024 Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare field will be posted at 5 p.m. ET, April 26, at <https://insperityinvitational.com/tournament-information/player-field/>

In addition, **Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player, Lee Trevino, and Annika** will also be coming back to The Woodlands, Texas and they are bringing some additional fire power with them to take on 12 other legends of the game in the **Folds of Honor Greats of Golf**, May 4, 2024.

Tom Watson will make his debut at the annual tradition held in conjunction with the second round where he will play in a fivesome with The Golden Bear, The Black Knight, The Merry Mex and Annika.

The **Folds of Honor Greats of Golf** exhibition is a spectator-friendly 9-hole scramble that will feature 17 golf legends during the second round of the PGA TOUR Champions Insperity Invitational. The distinguished group of golf's greats will tee it up at The Woodlands Country Club Tournament Course for the special Saturday competition.

Watson joins the distinguished group who have combined for 266 PGA TOUR victories, 156 LPGA TOUR victories, 85 major championship titles, and 171 PGA TOUR Champions wins. Seven of these players have won six or more major championships: Nicklaus (18); Annika (10); Player (9); Watson (8); Inkster (7); and both Bradley and Trevino (6).

Each group will feature one of the greatest women's golfers ever to play the game.

Team Majors

Annika*
Jack Nicklaus*
Gary Player*
Lee Trevino*
Tom Watson*

Team Hall of Fame

Pat Bradley*
David Graham*
Tony Jacklin*
Tom Kite*

Team Legends

Nancy Lopez*
Dave Stockton
Larry Nelson*
Hale Irwin*

Team Greats

Juli Inkster*
Ben Crenshaw*
Bill Rogers
Andy North

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The world class gathering of the game's greatest players will tee off on the 10th hole (approximately 2 p.m.) after the last group in the official PGA TOUR Champions competition makes the turn onto the back nine for a nine-hole scramble exhibition.

The Insperity Invitational offers free grounds only admission tickets courtesy of Insperity, Woodforest National Bank and Hewlett Packard Enterprise. For updated information on all aspects of the Insperity Invitational, fans are encouraged to visit 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. With the support of its Official Sponsors: Woodforest National Bank, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Northside Imports Houston-Alfa Romeo, Pepsi, Sports Radio 610, National Car Rental, Breitling and Folds of Honor, the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare is managed and operated by Pro Links Sports. The tournament has received the prestigious Presidents Award as the best event on the Champions Tour, the President's Award for Excellence in Achievement and twice 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 a 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, Mike Weir and back-to-back winner, Steven Alker. For more information about the Tradition of Excellence at the Insperity Invitational, visit www.insperityinvitational.com, on Instagram @insperityinvitational, Twitter @InsperityInvntnl, or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/InsperityInvitational.

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