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Ascension CHARITY CLASSIC

presented by EMERSON



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FINAL FIELD ANNOUNCED FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL ASCENSION CHARITY CLASSIC PRESENTED BY EMERSON

Field includes six of the top-10 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, 17 PGA TOUR Champions major winners and five World Golf Hall of Fame members

ST. LOUIS (September 1, 2023) – Tournament officials announced today the final field for the third annual Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson at Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis, Mo., scheduled for next week, Sept. 5 – 10. This elite roster of 78* players includes six of the top-10 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings and collectively represents 218 PGA TOUR Champions victories, including 17 senior major championship winners and 11 Charles Schwab Cup titles.

The field also contains 22 PGA TOUR major championship wins and five World Golf Hall of Fame members, including Ernie Els, Bernhard Langer, Collin Montgomerie, José María Olazábal, and Retief Goosen. Twenty of the top-25 players in the Charles Schwab Cup standings are represented, including three of the top-5: Stephen Ames (No.2), Bernhard Langer (No.3), and Ascension Charity Classic inaugural champion David Toms (4).

The world-class field also features the current Senior Open Championship winner Alex Cejka, plus PGA TOUR Champions rookies Boo Weekley, Tim O'Neal, Justin Leonard, Notah Begay III, and Jason Bohn. Fan favorite John Daly also joins the field as do Ascension Ambassadors Billy Andrade, Jay Delsing, Tom Lehman, Paul Stankowski, and Jay Williamson. O'Neal and Leonard are also Ascension Ambassadors competing next week.

Tickets for the tournament can be purchased at ascensioncharityclassic.com. Two types of weekly admission options are available, a Clubhouse Ticket as well as a Grounds Ticket. Daily tickets are also offered. Tickets start at \$20, and kids 16 and under can attend for free with a ticketed adult.

2023 FIELD OF COMPETITORS AS OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2023, AT 6 P.M. (CST)

Ames, Stephen
Andrade, Billy
Appleby, Stuart
Austin, Woody
Begay III, Notah
Bertsch, Shane
Bohn, Jason
Broadhurst, Paul
Browne, Olin
Cejka, Alex
Choi, K.J.
Clarke, Darren
Cooper, Brian
Daly, John
Damron, Robert
Dawson, Marco
Day, Glen
Delsing, Jay +
DiMarco, Chris
Duke, Ken
Dunlap, Scott
Durant, Joe
Duval, David
Els, Ernie
Estes, Bob

Flesch, Steve
Forsman, Dan
Franco, Carlos
Frazar, Harrison
Funk, Fred
Gay, Brian
Goosen, Retief
Goydos, Paul
Green, Richard
Hensby, Mark
Herron, Tim
Huston, John
Jaidee, Thongchai
Janzen, Lee
Karlsson, Robert
Kelly, Jerry
Labritz, Rob
Langer, Bernhard
Lehman, Tom
Leonard, Justin
Maggert, Jeff
Mayfair, Billy
McCarron, Scott
McKenzie, David
Mediate, Rocco

Montgomerie, Colin
O'Neal, Tim
Olazábal, José María
Pampling, Rod
Parel, Scott
Parnevik, Jesper
Pavin, Corey
Pernice Jr., Tom
Perry, Kenny
Petrovic, Tim
Pride, Dicky
Quigley, Brett
Senden, John
Short, Jr., Wes
Sluman, Jeff
Stankowski, Paul
Sutherland, Kevin
Tanigawa, Ken
Toms, David
Triplett, Kirk
Verplank, Scott
Waldorf, Duffy
Weekley, Boo
Williamson, Jay +
Yang, Y.E.

**3 Event Qualifiers
78 Players in Field**

Alternates

Branshaw, David
Wi, Charlie
Gogel, Matt
Tiziani, Mario
Gillis, Tom
Jonzon, Michael
Beckman, Cameron
Blake, Jay Don
Toledo, Esteban
Eger, David
Bradley, Michael
Hallberg, Gary
Eaks, R.W.
Gamez, Robert
Wood, Willie

* - Open Qualifier /
+ - Sponsor Exemption

**The 2023 Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson field includes three event qualifiers. The qualifying tournament will be held on Monday, 9/4/23, on the West Course at Norwood Hills Country Club. See below for details.*

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND BROADCAST TIMES (Note: Schedule times and events subject to change)

Thursday, September 7

- Gates Open - 8 a.m.
- Pro Shop Open - 8 a.m.
- Official Tournament Pro-Am
 - Morning Tee Times: 7:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.
 - Afternoon Tee Times: 12:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
- Ascension Charity Classic Youth Clinic presented by Accenture - 4:30 p.m. (driving range)

Friday, September 8

- Gates Open - 8 a.m.
- Pro Shop Open - 8 a.m.
- Opening Ceremony - 9:45 a.m.
- First Round Official Tournament Competition: Tee times begin at 10:15 a.m. (estimated)

Broadcast

Golf Channel: 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Saturday, September 9

- Gates Open – 8 a.m.
- Pro Shop Open - 8 a.m.
- Second Round Official Tournament Competition: Tee times begin at 8:40 a.m. (estimated)
- Legends Media Availability with Nancy Lopez, Hale Irwin, Ozzie Smith, Chris Pronger, Craig Berube, Steve Ott and Robert Thomas – 2 p.m. Putting Green (Media Only)
- Legends Charity Challenge presented by Worldwide Technology – featuring Hale Irwin, Ozzie Smith, Chris Pronger, Craig Berube, Steve Ott and Robert Thomas (Nancy Lopez, Emcee): 3:45 p.m. start (estimated) on the 10th tee following final tournament grouping grouping

Broadcast

Golf Channel: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, September 10

- Gates Open - 8 a.m.
- Pro Shop Open - 8 a.m.
- Final Round Official Tournament Competition: Tee times begin at 8:40 a.m. (estimated)
- Trophy Presentation Following Play

Broadcast

Golf Channel: 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Ascension Chairty Classic official Tournament Qualifier details: The final three spots in the Ascension Charity Classic's field of competitors (total of 78 players) will be earned by the top three finishers in the Qualifier Tournament on Monday, September 4 on the WEST Course at Norwood Hills. Tee times begin at 8 a.m.

Note: Five playing positions within the official Qualifier Tournament have been provided to the top-5 finishers from the Pre-Qualifier Tournament held on Friday, September 1 at Spencer T. Olin Golf Course in Alton, IL. The top-5 finishers are listed below in their finishing order:

Sean McCarty -4 (68)	Mike Woodcock -2 (70)
Tracy Vest -4 (68)	Britt Pavelonis -2 (70)
Timothy Weinhart -3 (69)	

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Field, tee times, pairings and results information are available by visiting the following PGA Gateway Section links:

Pre-Qualifier: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/9355171050935048314> (FULL RESULTS)

Monday Qualifier: <https://www.golfgenius.com/pages/9599102089712130225>

Featured Tour professionals competing in the Monday Qualifier include:

Brad Adamonis	Jonathan Kaye
Arjun Atwal	Frank Lickliter
Cameron Beckman	Mario Tiziani
Tom Gillis	Brett Wetterich
Matt Gogel	

The Ascension Charity Classic is one of the premier Regular Season events on the PGA TOUR Champions and will give way to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs—a season-ending, three-tournament series used to determine the TOUR’s season-long champion.

For more information about the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson, including ticket, Pro-Am and hospitality availability, visit the Ascension Charity Classic website at ascensioncharityclassic.com. For the latest news and updates on social media, follow the tournament on Twitter at @ascensionccg, on Facebook at facebook.com/ascensioncharityclassic and Instagram at @ascensioncharityclassic.

About Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson

The Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson is an official event on the PGA TOUR Champions operated by Tournaments for Charity, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit entity. This 54-hole stroke play golf tournament features 81 PGA TOUR Champions professionals competing for a \$2 million purse at historic Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis, Missouri. The event is designed to showcase the best golf on the PGA TOUR Champions for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit local charities in the North St. Louis County area and beyond. All three official rounds will be internationally televised on the Golf Channel. For more information, visit ascensioncharityclassic.com.

About PGA TOUR Champions

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers 50 and older, including 33 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Tour’s mission is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air in excess of 170 countries and territories, reaching more than 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at PGATOUR.com, at facebook.com/PGATOURChampions, on Twitter @ChampionsTour and on Instagram @pgatourchampions.

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