

NEWS



Ascension CHARITY CLASSIC

presented by **EMERSON.**



CHAMPIONS

#1 Norwood Hills Country Club Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63121
Media Inquires: 614.519.1873

Twitter: @AscensionCCG
Instagram/Facebook: @AscensionCharityClassic
Website: www.ascensioncharityclassic.com

Defending champion of the inaugural Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson visits St. Louis for Media Day

DAVID TOMS, BERNHARD LANGER, JUSTIN LEONARD, JIM FURYK,
VIJAY SINGH, JERRY KELLY, AND JOHN DALY EARLY COMMIT TO FIELD

Legends Charity Challenge presented by World Wide Technology format and charitable impact details announced

ST. LOUIS (August 9, 2022) – Officials of the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson announced today that defending champion David Toms highlights a list of early commitments to the second edition of the official PGA TOUR Champions stop, scheduled for the week of September 6—11 at Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis, MO.

Some of the early commitments to the field include reigning and six-time Charles Schwab Cup champion Bernhard Langer, who is the owner of 43 career PGA TOUR Champions victories, second all-time, and the leader in career money with more than \$32 million in earnings. The Ascension Charity Classic field will also include PGA TOUR Champions rookie and Ascension Ambassador Justin Leonard, last year's Rookie of the Year Jim Furyk, four-time PGA TOUR Champions winner Vijay Singh, two-time senior major winner Jerry Kelly—who claimed last week's Shaw Charity Classic for his third win of the season and 11th overall—and fan favorite John Daly.

Toms, 55, will be making his second appearance at the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson. His playoff win at the inaugural event was his second PGA TOUR Champions victory. His first win was good for his first senior major title at the 2018 U.S. Senior Open Championship. Toms has recorded 44 top-10 finishes over his first four-plus PGA TOUR Champions seasons, beginning in 2017. He has never finished outside top-20 in Charles Schwab Cup standings, placing a career-best sixth in 2018. He is currently ranked No. 14. Toms has recorded 13 victories on the PGA TOUR since turning professional in 1989, including the 2001 PGA Championship. The Louisiana native has been a member of three U.S. Ryder Cup teams and three U.S. Presidents Cup teams.

In additional news, the Ascension Charity Classic revealed today further details about the second annual Legends Charity Challenge presented by World Wide Technology. The 2022 edition of the tournament's signature event will feature World Golf Hall of Famers Lee Trevino, Hale Irwin, and Nancy Lopez, along with

(more)

St. Louis Cardinals Hall-of-Fame shortstop Ozzie Smith and St. Louis Blues Stanley Cup-winning head coach Craig Berube. The Legends Charity Challenge will take place on Saturday, September 10, following the final pairing of the tournament's second round, and will begin on Hole No. 10 at Norwood Hills Country Club. In the coming weeks, an additional sixth legend will be officially added to create a powerhouse group of competitors that will play the 9-hole team scramble exhibition match to benefit charity.

Two three-person teams will compete for a \$25,000 purse to benefit First Tee of Greater St. Louis and PGA REACH Gateway. Each hole will be given a dollar value that will be awarded per hole to the winning team's charity. The team that has won the most money for its charity at the end of nine holes will be declared the winner of the Legends Charity Challenge presented by World Wide Technology.

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.

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.

All three rounds of the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson will be broadcast on Golf Channel. Internationally, telecasts air in excess of 170 countries and territories, reaching more than 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV.

For more information about the Ascension Charity Classic, 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](https://twitter.com/ascensionccg), on Facebook at facebook.com/ascensioncharityclassic and Instagram at [@ascensioncharityclassic](https://instagram.com/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](https://twitter.com/ChampionsTour) and on Instagram [@pgatourchampions](https://instagram.com/pgatourchampions).