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Major Championship winners Bernhard Langer, Retief Goosen, Davis Love III, and Darren Clarke commit to the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson

ST. LOUIS (August 19, 2021) – Officials of the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson announced today that major championship winners Bernhard Langer, Retief Goosen, Davis Love III, and Darren Clarke have committed to compete in the first playing of the Official PGA TOUR Champions stop, which is scheduled for the week of Sept. 6-12 at historic Norwood Hills Country Club.

These latest commits strengthen the tournament's world-class field that already contains some of the PGA TOUR Champions top-ranked players, including Charles Schwab Cup standings leader Jerry Kelly, along with current United States Senior Open Champion, Jim Furyk (No. 3 in Schwab Cup rankings) and four-time major winner Ernie Els (No. 4).

The 81-player field for the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson—competing over 54 holes of stroke play—will include five reserved positions for sponsor exemptions, three restricted and two unrestricted. The tournament will start announcing its exemptions in the coming 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. Limited pro-am spots for Wednesday, September 8, are still available.

No player has dominated the PGA TOUR Champions circuit over the past 10-plus years more than Langer. His senior resumé includes 11 major championship titles—three of which he grabbed in 2017 alone—with his latest coming in 2019 at The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex. The World Golf Hall of Fame member won his fifth, and most recent, Charles Schwab Cup title in 2018, recording two wins and 14 top-10 finishes that season. The same year Langer also secured a record eighth Jack Nicklaus Award as the PGA TOUR Champions Player of the Year, and won a record-breaking seventh Byron Nelson Award as the Tour's leader in scoring average. The 63-year-old native of Germany has captured 41 PGA TOUR Champions titles to go with more than \$30 million—ranked No. 1 all time on the PGA TOUR Champions—in earnings since making his senior debut in 2007. So far this season, Langer is No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup rankings, with 18 top-10 finishes over 29 starts, including a win at the 2020 Cologuard Classic. The two-time Masters winner has competed on two occasions in St. Louis, both at Bellerive Country Club. Langer finished T-40 at the 1992 PGA Championship and T-13 at the 2013 Senior PGA Championship presented by KitchenAid.

Goosen, 52, enjoyed a stellar rookie PGA TOUR Champions season in 2019. His 12 top-10 finishes over 23 starts, including two runner-ups and his first senior title at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, resulted in the Tour's best scoring average (69.14) and Rookie of the Year honors. Goosen was the seventh player in Tour

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history to win the scoring title as a rookie. He has continued his impressive play during his sophomore campaign, adding another 12 top-10s, with three runner-ups and two third-place efforts. The South African is currently ranked No. 6 on the Charles Schwab Cup Money List and No. 1 in Driving Distance with a 297.5-yard average. Goosen's PGA TOUR resumé consists of seven wins, including two U.S. Open Championship titles.

Love made his PGA TOUR Champions debut in 2014 and has since started a total of 25 career senior events. His best finish came in 2016 when he finished third at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. Since 2014, the 57-year-old has also competed in 103 PGA TOUR events, grabbing his 21st TOUR victory at the 2015 Wyndham Championship. Also counted among Love's TOUR wins is the 1997 PGA Championship title. He competed in the PGA Championship each time it was hosted at Bellerive Country Club in St. Louis, finishing T-33 in 1992 and missing the cut in 2018. Love is a two-time United States Ryder Cup Captain, losing by one point to the European team in 2012 and then in 2016 at Hazeltine leading the U.S. to its first victory in eight years. The World Golf Hall of Famer also suited up for international competition as a player on six occasions for both the U.S. Ryder Cup and Presidents Cup teams.

Clarke, 53, has recorded three PGA TOUR victories, including the 2011 Open Championship, and 15 international wins. Since turning 50 in 2018 he has played in 51 PGA TOUR Champions events and grabbed 10 top-10 finishes, including his first two senior titles this season in back-to-back starts at the 2020 TimberTech Championship and 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. Clarke currently sits at No. 13 in the Charles Schwab Cup rankings with six top-10 finishes, including a third-place outing to go with his two victories.

The Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson will be one of the premier Regular Season events on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2021, which will give way to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs—a season-ending, three-tournament series used to determine the TOUR's season-long champion. Due to the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, PGA TOUR Champions has combined its tournaments in 2020 and 2021 to form one season, and the next Charles Schwab Cup champion will be crowned Nov. 11-14, 2021, at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship at Phoenix Country Club.

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

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.

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