



Regions Tradition Final Field Released

Parnevik, Calcavecchia, Kite, Funk, Lehman and more!

Birmingham, Ala. (May 11) – The Regions Tradition announced the full field of professionals who will compete for \$2.3 million in prize money at the Champions Tour’s first major championship of the season, the Regions Tradition, to be held May 13-17 at Shoal Creek in Birmingham, Ala.

The field is comprised of 81 players, in which 61 of those players have a combined total of 429 PGA TOUR wins. Fifty-seven of those players have won 337 titles on the Champions Tour. In addition, the field includes 9 World Golf Hall of Fame Members, including Tom Watson, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Curtis Strange, Larry Nelson, Tom Kite, Nick Price and Colin Montgomerie. Mark O’Meara will become the 9th when he is inducted into the 2015 World Golf Hall of Fame in July. A total of 18 players in the field have won major championships on the PGA TOUR and 25 players have won major championships on the Champions Tour.

“We are excited about this year’s stellar 81-player field,” stated Brad Bailey, tournament general chairman. “Fans will have the opportunity to see some of the greatest golfers compete for this prestigious title, and we are honored to host these players, fans and volunteers at Shoal Creek.”

Jesper Parnevik, one of the greatest golfers to come out of Sweden, will make his Regions Tradition debut this year, joining a field that includes some of the sport’s best players of the past four decades. Parnevik recently turned 50 in March, making him eligible for the Champions Tour.

Parnevik won five times on the PGA Tour, to go along with nine victories in international tournaments. He reached a career-best seventh in the World Golf Rankings in 2000, which was the highest-ever ranking by a Swedish golfer until Henrik Stenson broke into the top five in 2007.

Parnevik finished second in the British Open in both 1994 and 1997. He has already posted two top-10 finishes on the Champions Tour, including a fourth-place showing in the Greater Gwinnett Championship.

Other golfers who have committed to play in this year's Regions Tradition include British Open champion Mark Calcavecchia, two-time Tradition winner Fred Funk, U.S. Open winner and World Golf Hall of Fame inductee Tom Kite, British Open champion Tom Lehman, who won back-to-back Regions Tradition titles at Shoal Creek in 2011 and 2012, two-time Masters champion Bernhard Langer and Regions Tradition defending champion Kenny Perry.

The Regions Tradition entry list includes seven players who competed at Southeastern Conference schools. They are Steve Lowery (Alabama), Mark Calcavecchia (Florida), Jerry Pate (Alabama), Scott Dunlap (Florida), Jeff Maggert (Texas A&M), Russ Cochran (Kentucky), and Jim Gallagher, Jr. (Tennessee).

Calcavecchia, who lost to Perry by one stroke in last year's Regions Tradition, won 13 times on the PGA Tour. In addition to his 1989 British Open triumph, he finished second in the 1988 Masters. In 2009, Calcavecchia set a PGA record by making nine straight birdies in the second round of the RBC Canadian Open.

Among Funk's eight career PGA Tour victories was a win in the 2005 PLAYERS Championship at age 48, making him the oldest winner of that event. He has won nine times on the Champions Tour, including Regions Tradition victories in 2008 and 2010 as well as the 2009 U.S. Senior Open.

Kite is a 19-time winner on the PGA Tour to go along with 10 Champions Tour victories. He won the 1992 U.S. Open and the 1989 PLAYERS Championship, and was a three-time runner-up at The Masters. Kite's first Champions Tour victory was in the 2000 Tradition, where he beat Tom Watson and Alabama native Larry Nelson in a playoff.

Lehman was the 1996 PGA Player of the Year, partly on the strength of a victory in the British Open and a second-place showing in the U.S. Open. His eight career Champions Tour victories include the consecutive wins in the Regions Tradition as well as the 2010 Senior PGA Championship.

Four golfers have received sponsor exemptions into this year's tournament: Jeff Coston, Jerry Pate, Gary Hallberg and Jim Gallagher, Jr.

Coston, is the only player to have won the Pacific Northwest Senior PGA Championship five times consecutively, and has won the Washington Senior Open every year between 2006 and 2010.

Pate is a University of Alabama graduate who won eight times on the PGA Tour, including the 1978 U.S. Open and the 1982 Tournament Players Championship. He also won the 1974 U.S. Amateur.

As a golfer at Wake Forest from 1976-79, Hallberg became the sport's first four-time, first-team All-American. He was the 1980 PGA Rookie of the Year, and went on to win three career PGA Tour events. His only Champions Tour victory came in the 2010 Ensure Classic, which he won by shooting a final-round 11-under 61.

Gallagher played collegiately at the University of Tennessee and currently lives in Greenwood, Miss. He won five times on the PGA Tour, highlighted by a victory in the 1993 TOUR Championship. He also finished second in the 1992 PGA Championship.

Shoal Creek previously hosted the 1984 and 1990 PGA Championship, the 1986 U.S. Amateur Championship, the 2008 U.S. Junior Amateur Championship and the 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 Regions Tradition. Shoal Creek will play host to the 2018 U.S. Women's Open.

The 7,231-yard, par 72, Jack Nicklaus designed layout will again provide a stern test to the world's best. Some of the biggest names in golf, including World Golf Hall of Fame members Jack Nicklaus, Lee Trevino, Raymond Floyd, Kite and Watson, are past champions of The Tradition.

The Golf Channel will televise the tournament live exclusively each of the four days with a worldwide distribution to more than 206 countries and

territories, reaching more than 145 million households.

Tickets are still on sale for the Regions Tradition and can be purchased at www.regionstradition.com or at the gate. As always, kids 18 and under are admitted free with a ticketed adult.

The 2015 Regions Tradition field is as follows:

Michael Allen	Mike Goodes	Steve Pate
Billy Andrade	Paul Goydos	Corey Pavin
Tommy Armour III	Jay Haas	Tom Pernice Jr.
Woody Austin	Gary Hallberg	Kenny Perry
Jay Don Blake	Jeff Hart	Nick Price
Guy Boros	Morris Hatalsky	Tom Purtzer
Mark Brooks	Brian Henninger	John Riegger
Olin Browne	Scott Hoch	Loren Roberts
Bart Bryant	John Huston	Gene Sauers
Brad Bryant	Peter Jacobsen	Peter Senior
Tom Byrum	Lee Janzen	Wes Short, Jr.
Mark Calcavecchia	Tom Kite	Joey Sindelar
Roger Chapman	Bernhard Langer	Jeff Sluman
Jose Coceres	Wayne Levi	Jerry Smith
Russ Cochran	Steve Lowery	Rod Spittle
John Cook	Chien Soon Lu	Curtis Strange
Jeff Coston	Sandy Lyle	Kevin Sutherland
Joe Daley	Jeff Maggert	Jim Thorpe
Marco Dawson	Mark McNulty	Esteban Toledo
Scott Dunlap	Larry Mize	Kirk Triplett
Joe Durant	Colin Montgomerie	Bob Tway
Brad Faxon	Gil Morgan	Scott Verplank
Dan Forsman	Larry Nelson	Bobby Wadkins
David Frost	Mark O'Meara	Duffy Waldorf
Fred Funk	Jesper Parnevik	Tom Watson
Jim Gallagher, Jr.	Jerry Pate	Mark Wiebe
Bob Gilder		Ian Woosnam

81 Players in the Field

Alternates:

Willie Wood
Mike Reid
Doug Rohrbaugh
Frank Esposito
Jim Rutledge
Greg Kraft
John Jacobs
Joel Edwards
Skip Kendall

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About the Champions Tour

Collectively, the Champions Tour has the most recognizable and accomplished players in the game, with many of its 32 members in the World Golf Hall of Fame competing regularly in its events. The Tour also counts numerous other major championship winners among its members. The Champions Tour is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older. Conceived in 1980 as the Senior PGA Tour, it started with just four events and purses totaling \$475,000. The Champions Tour's primary purpose 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, protect the integrity of the game and generate significant charitable and economic impact in communities in which it plays. Points earned in official Charles Schwab Cup events in 2014 determined Bernhard Langer as the Charles Schwab Cup champion, the season-long competition designed to recognize the Champions Tour's leading player. The Commissioner of the PGA TOUR is Tim Finchem. Greg McLaughlin is President of the Champions Tour. The PGA TOUR's website is pgatour.com, the No. 1 site in golf, and the organization is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Follow the Champions Tour at facebook.com/ChampionsTour and on Twitter @ChampionsTour.

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About Shoal Creek

Shoal Creek is a Jack Nicklaus designed golf course, which was established in 1977. It is located in Shelby County, some 15 miles from downtown Birmingham, Ala. Shoal Creek has hosted the 1984 and 1990 PGA Championships, the 1986 U.S. Amateur Championship, 2008 U.S. Junior Amateur along with the 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014 Regions Tradition.

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