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# Celebrity & PGA TOUR Champions Field Set for 2024 Invited Celebrity Classic presented by Choctaw Casinos & Resorts

Field includes three World Golf Hall of Fame members, 11 PGA/LPGA TOUR major winners, 18 Champions/Legends Tour major winners, and 40 esteemed celebrities



L to R: Tournament Founder & President Mike Flaskey, 2023 Invited Celebrity Classic (Celebrity) Winner Tony Romo, 2023 Invited Celebrity Classic (PGA TOUR Champions) Winner Mark Hensby, and Invited CEO David Pillsbury (Photo Courtesy: Ryan Lochhead)

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**IRVING, Texas (April 2, 2024)** – The <u>Invited Celebrity Classic presented by Choctaw</u> <u>Casinos & Resorts</u> today announced the celebrity and PGA TOUR Champions fields for the 2024 PGA TOUR Champions event. Both champions from last year (Celebrity - Tony Romo; PGA TOUR Champions - Mark Hensby) are returning in hopes of defending their respective titles. Held April 15-21 at Invited's Las Colinas Country Club, this unique PGA TOUR Champions tournament includes a field of 78 PGA TOUR Champions players, 40 celebrities, and 10 Invited Member Qualifiers who will compete in separate competitions for \$2.7 million (\$2.2 million for the professionals, \$500,000 for the celebrities).

Three World Golf Hall of Fame members will be competing in this year's tournament: Annika Sörenstam, the all-time winningest player in LPGA Tour history (72 wins), will play in the celebrity field while Retief Goosen, coming off a win at The Galleri Classic at Invited's Mission Hills Country Club in Rancho Mirage, California, and Vijay Singh will compete in the Champions Tour field. Including Annika, this year's field has combined to win 25 PGA TOUR/LPGA Tour majors, with an additional 28 Champions/Legends Tour majors.

The celebrity field includes the two previous Invited Celebrity Classic presented by Choctaw Casinos & Resorts winners: Mardy Fish (2022) and Romo (2023). Other major celebrity golf event champions from the past decade participating in this year's tournament include Mark Mulder, John Smoltz, and Derek Lowe.

#### PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS FIELD (as of April 2, 2024):

Allan, Steve Andrade, Billy Appleby, Stuart Austin, Woody Barron, Doug Bertsch, Shane Bohn, Jason Bransdon, David Broadhurst. Paul Browne, Olin Cejka, Alex Chalmers, Greg Choi. K.J. Cochran, Russ Daly, John Dawson, Marco Day, Glen DiMarco, Chris Duke, Ken Dunlap, Scott Estes, Bob Flesch, Steve Frost, David Gay, Brian

Gogel, Matt Goosen, Retief Goydos, Paul Green, Richard Haas, Jay Hensby, Mark Herron, Tim Huston, John Jaidee, Thongchai Janzen, Lee Jobe, Brandt Jones, Steve Kelly, Jerry Labritz, Rob Legman, Tom Leonard, Justin Maggert, Jeff Mavfair. Billv McCarron, Scott Mediate, Rocco O'Neal, Tim Pampling, Rod Parel, Scott Parnevik, Jesper

Pate, Steve Pavin, Corey Pernice Jr., Tom Perry, Kenny Petrovic, Tim Pride, Dicky Quigley, Brett Sauers, Gene Senden, John Singh, Vijay Slocum, Heath Sluman, Jeff Stankowski, Paul Tanigawa, Ken Tiziani, Mario Toms, David Verplank, Scott Waldorf. Duffv Weekley, Boo Wi, Charlie Wright, Michael Yang, Y.E.

\*The final field list will be available Friday, April 12.

#### CELEBRITY FIELD:

Adams, Wells Allen, Ray Baier, Bret Brown, Tim Burkhead, Rex Bush, Reggie Carter, Joe Clemens, Roger Donaldson, Josh Fish, Mardy Flaskey, Mike Francona, Terry Freeney, Dwight Glavine, Tom Geiselman, Evan Gould, Robbie Higgins, Ben Larry the Cable Guy Lester, Jon Lowe, Derek Maddux, Greg Millar, Kevin Mulder, Mark Nevin, Phil O'Neal, Blair Pierzynski, A.J. Pujols, Albert Ribeiro, Alfonso Rodriguez, Ivan "Pudge" Romo, Tony Rush, Cooper Smith, Emmitt Smoltz, John Sörenstam, Annika Stewart, Bubba Thielen, Adam Turco, Marty Twellman, Taylor Ware, DeMarcus Williams, Justin \*The final field list will be available Friday, April 12.

<u>Grounds tickets will be provided free of charge</u> for all three days of competition, with Invited sponsoring admission on Friday, April 19, Energy Transfer covering admission on Saturday, April 20, and Choctaw Casinos & Resorts sponsoring fan attendance on Sunday, April 21. Additionally, fans looking for an <u>upgraded experience can purchase</u> <u>tickets</u> to Choctaw Club hospitality located on the 18th Green or the BuzzBallz Patio Viewing Deck located on the 17th Green. This upgraded experience includes elevated viewing angles, food and beverage, and more. This year, the tournament will feature a free community concert, featuring Party Machine, on Friday, April 19, and a Military Outpost on the 17th Green. Learn more at <u>InvitedCelebrityClassic.com/tickets</u>.

Since 2022, the Invited Celebrity Classic has generated nearly \$500,000 in charitable donations for local organizations over the last two years. The tournament's economic impact is estimated at nearly \$3 million for the greater Dallas area.

The Invited Celebrity Classic is operated by Mike Flaskey Entertainment. Flaskey, former CEO of Diamond Resorts International, has extensive experience conceiving and overseeing top-tier golf events with both the LPGA Tour and PGA TOUR Champions, plus All-Stars and Hall of Famers from NFL, MLB, NBA, and NHL teams. Follow event updates and news on X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, and Instagram.

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### ABOUT CHOCTAW CASINOS & RESORTS

Owned and operated by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the third-largest Indian Nation in the United States with more than 225,000 tribal members and 12,000 employees. Choctaw Casinos & Resorts features a variety of gaming, hotel and resort properties throughout southeastern Oklahoma, including Durant, Grant, Pocola, Idabel, Broken Bow, McAlester, Stigler and Stringtown. In spring 2024, Choctaw Nation is opening a 100-room luxury resort, Choctaw Landing in Hochatown, OK. For more information, visit www.ChoctawCasinos.com.

## ABOUT INVITED

Since its founding in 1957, Dallas-based Invited has operated with the central purpose of Building Relationships and Enriching Lives®. The leading owner-operator of private golf and country clubs, city and stadium clubs in North America, Invited is relentless in its pursuit of providing extraordinary experiences, meaningful connections, shared passions, and memorable moments for its nearly 400,000 members. With approximately 20,000 peak-season employees and a portfolio of 180 owned golf and country clubs, city clubs, sports clubs, and stadium clubs in 29 states. Invited creates communities and a lifestyle through its championship golf courses, workspaces, handcrafted cuisine, resort-style pools, tennis and pickleball facilities, golf lounges, fitness centers, and robust programming.

Marquee Invited properties include: <u>Firestone Country Club</u> (Akron, Ohio); <u>Mission Hills</u> <u>Country Club</u> (Rancho Mirage, California); <u>The Woodlands Country Club</u> (Houston, Texas); and <u>The Metropolitan</u> Club (Chicago, Illinois).

## ABOUT PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older, including 35 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. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at <u>PGATOUR.com</u>, on <u>Facebook</u>, on <u>Twitter</u> (@ChampionsTour), on <u>Instagram</u> (@pgatourchampions) and on <u>TikTok</u> (pgatourchampions).

All events are televised in the United States on Golf Channel, the exclusive cabletelevision partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, PGA TOUR Champions coverage is available in more than 170 countries and territories via 22 media partners.

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