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### **E NOTES FROM THE PGA TOUR**

#### **PGA TOUR**

- For the next two weeks, **Rich Beem** will be donating \$100 for each birdie he makes to help aid Rich Behm, the Dallas Cowboy scout who was injured in the collapse of the Cowboys practice facility. Fans can also make donations according to the number of birdies made by Beem, or anyone else. In addition, Beem will have everyone autograph his golf bag which will then be put up for silent auction. BirdiesForeBehm was announced today in Dallas at the HP Byron Nelson Championship and at the Cowboys practice facility.
- **Zach Johnson** has regained the lead in the FedExCup points race thanks to his victory last week at the Valero Texas Open. **Geoff Ogilvy** had held the lead over the past 11 weeks.
- More on Zach: Since the start of the 2007 season, only **Tiger Woods** (12 wins) and **Phil Mickelson** (7) have more victories than Zach's five. **Vijay Singh** also has five other that time span.
- One more on Zach: He's not just the only player to shoot 60 twice on the PGA TOUR, he's shot the last two 60s on TOUR.
- It will look like a convention of former U.S. Amateur champs this week at the HP Byron Nelson Championship. No less than 10 former winners of that event are participating in the tournament—**Scott Verplank, Billy Mayfair, Phil Mickelson, Justin Leonard, Matt Kuchar, Jeff Quinney, Ricky Barnes, Ryan Moore, Colt Knost and Danny Lee.**
- Over the past 15 years, winners of the HP Byron Nelson Championship have hailed from seven different countries—the U.S., South Africa, Sweden, Japan, Fiji, Spain and Australia.
- **Bill Haas** equaled his career best finish last week with a T3 at the Valero Texas Open. He was also T3 at the 2007 Viking Classic.
- Here's an oddity: Only three defending champs have returned this season to earn Top-10 finishes--all three won. **Phil Mickelson** (Northern Trust Open), **Tiger Woods** (Arnold Palmer Invitational) and **Zach Johnson** (Valero Texas Open) all successfully defended titles this season.

- If the Presidents Cup teams were final today, there would be three newcomers on the U.S. team—**Sean O’Hair, Anthony Kim and Nick Watney**—and one on the International side—**Camilo Villegas**.

### **CHAMPIONS TOUR**

- This week’s Senior PGA Championship is the first major of the 2009 Champions Tour season. It’s the first time Canterbury CC has played host to the event, but it’s not the first time the club has seen the Champions Tour. It was the site of the 1983-86 Senior TPC’s won by **Miller Barber (1983), Arnold Palmer (1984-85) and Chi Chi Rodriguez (1986)**, as well as the 1996 U.S. Senior Open won by **Dave Stockton**.
- **Jay Don Blake** finished in a T4 last week at the Regions Charity Classic for his best finish anywhere since a solo third at the 2002 Sony Open in Hawaii on the PGA TOUR.
- Also finishing T4 last week was **Larry Mize**. It’s the best finish of his brief Champions Tour career and his best since finishing T2 at the 2001 Marconi Pennsylvania Classic on the PGA TOUR.

### **NATIONWIDE TOUR**

- **Michael Sim’s** second win of the season boosted his lead on the money list to \$211,136 ahead of second-place **Garth Mulroy**. How big a lead is that? If you earned \$211,136 last year you’d have finished 27<sup>th</sup> on the money list.
- More on Sim: In his last three starts on the Nationwide Tour he’s won twice and lost in a playoff. He’s 54-under par over that span with nine rounds in the 60s.
- The win by **Zach Johnson** last week at the Valero Texas Open was the 246<sup>th</sup> by a former Nationwide Tour player on the PGA TOUR. It was also the fourth in the last five events for alums of the Tour.
- The Nationwide Tour was originally scheduled to be in Mexico this week, but the event has been postponed until later in the season due to the swine flu breakout. The Nationwide Tour will return to action next week in North Carolina at the Rex Hospital Open.