

## E NOTES FROM THE PGA TOUR



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- **Jim Furyk** will be making his 2009 PGA TOUR season debut this week at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.
- **Vijay Singh**, out since the Mercedes-Benz Championship following knee surgery, will be back this week at Pebble Beach. He has a great track record in the tournament, winning in 2004 and finishing as the runner-up on three occasions.
- A young gun to look for this week at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am is **John Mallinger**. The California native has finished 3<sup>rd</sup> and T3 in his first two seasons on the PGA TOUR at Pebble Beach.
- **Nick Watney's** victory last week was his second making him one of 11 players still in their 20s to have multiple victories on TOUR. **Sergio Garcia** leads the way with seven while **Adam Scott** is next with six.
- When **Nick Watney** won last week's Buick Invitational, he became the seventh consecutive California native to win the event and the 11<sup>th</sup> in the last 12 years. Only **Jose Maria Olazabal** of Spain has been able to win in San Diego during that span of time while being born outside the state.
- This week's field includes five of the top seven players in the current FedExCup points standings—**Nick Watney (#2)**, **Kenny Perry (#3)**, **Pat Perez (#5)**, **Charley Hoffman (#6)** and **David Toms (#7)**.
- No less than 17 World Golf Hall of Fame members have won the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

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### CHAMPIONS TOUR

- What a field at the Allianz Championship this week. The 78-man field has combined to win 100 PGA TOUR and Champions Tour majors and a combined 847 PGA TOUR/Champions Tour titles.
- The field at the Allianz Championship also includes 10 World Golf Hall of Fame members.
- **Russ Cochran** will make his Champions Tour debut this week as he looks to become the first lefty to win on the Tour since **Bob Charles** claimed the last of his 23 titles at the 1996 Hyatt Regency Maui Kaanapali Classic.

### NATIONWIDE TOUR

- The victory at the Panama Digicel Championship was the fourth of **Vance Veazey's** career on the Nationwide Tour. Only six players have won more often—**Matt Gogel, Jason Gore and Sean Murphy (6 each) and Pat Bates, Chris Couch and Chris Smith (5 each)**.
- The victory was **Vance Veazey's** second at the Panama Digicel Championship (2005 as well) making him the eighth player in Nationwide Tour history to win the same event twice.
- **Nick Watney's** win last week at the Buick Invitational was the 240<sup>th</sup> by a former Nationwide Tour player on the PGA TOUR.
- Talk about fighting back. **Bob May** struggled to a third-round 81 last week in Panama, but bounced back on Sunday to shoot 65. His 16-stroke turnaround is the best in Tour history.