

E-Notes from the PGA TOUR



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- Australians have enjoyed tremendous success at the Shell Houston Open. Six different Aussies have won in Houston—**Bruce Devlin, Bruce Crampton (2), David Graham, Stuart Appleby (2), Robert Allenby and Adam Scott.**
- Toward that end, there are 14 Aussies entered this week in Houston—**Stuart Appleby, Aaron Baddeley, Steve Elkington, Mathew Goggin, Nathan Green, Marc Leishman, Peter Lonard, Jarrod Lyle, James Nitties, Greg Norman, Nick O’Hern, Geoff Ogilvy, Aron Price and John Senden.**
- **Stuart Appleby** has an interesting record at the Shell Houston Open. In eight starts, he’s won twice (1999, 2006), finished second twice (2003, 2007), T23 and missed the cut three times.
- **Vijay Singh** is another player that thrives in Houston. In 11 starts he’s won three times (2002, 2004, 2005) and finished in the Top-10 eight times. He’s made the cut in all 11 starts.
- **Geoff Ogilvy** has held down the top spot on the FedExCup points list since the World Golf Championships-Accenture Match Play Championship. That could change this week as he enters with just a 51 point lead over **Phil Mickelson.** Both players are entered at the Shell Houston Open.
- **Jeev Milka Singh** will be among those competing this week at at the Shell Houston Open. While he’s a native of India, he’s no stranger to Texas. He won the NCAA Division II national championship in 1993 while playing for Abilene Christian University.
- Three players reached milestones at last week’s Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by MasterCard. **Mark Calcavecchia** made his 500th career cut (the most of any full-time player currently on TOUR), **Tommy Armour III** played in his 600th TOUR event and **Kenny Perry** recorded his 100th career Top-10 finish.
- Driving Distance is down on the PGA TOUR so far this year. The TOUR average off the tee is 283.4 yards which if the season were to end today, would be the lowest on TOUR.

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CHAMPIONS TOUR

- **Keith Fergus** won his second career Champions Tour title last week at The Cap Cana Championship. **Mark O'Meara** tied for second. When Fergus won his other Champions Tour title at the 2007 Ginn Championship at Hammock Beach, O'Meara tied for second there, too.
- He's still looking for his first Champions Tour win, but **Joey Sindelar** is getting close. In his last three starts, Sindelar has finished T2-T4-4.
- The Champions Tour is off for the next two weeks, but will return the week of April 13-19 in Tampa, FL for the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am where **Tom Watson** will look to earn his third consecutive title in the event.

NATIONWIDE TOUR

- When **Bubba Dickerson** won last week's Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by Dynamic Industries, he became the sixth former U.S. Amateur champ to win on the Nationwide Tour. Dickerson joins a list that includes **Nick Flanagan, Colt Knost, Jeff Quinney, Matt Kuchar and Chris Patton**.
- This week's Stonebrae Classic outside of San Francisco will be the second of four new events on the 2009 schedule to be played. It will be one of two of those events played in California. The Soboba Classic will be held in southern California later this year.
- There's another quality field assembled for this week's Stonebrae Classic. Four of the first five winners on the 2009 season will be on hand along with 24 former PGA TOUR winners who have collected a total of 40 TOUR titles during their careers.