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## *E NOTES FROM THE PGA TOUR*

### *PGA TOUR*

- Look for lots of low scores this week at the Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open. The scoring average last year at the TPC Summerlin was 69.07 and the course yielded 95 eagles and 2,131 birdies—easily the most of any course on TOUR.
- While UNLV has produced a number of tournament winners on the PGA TOUR, no Rebel has been able to win the TOUR stop in Las Vegas. Five are entered this week looking to be the first—**Chad Campbell, Charley Hoffman, Bill Lunde, Ryan Moore** and **Chris Riley**.
- With just four events remaining in the PGA TOUR season, a number of prominent players stand outside the Top 125 on the money list. Among them are **Todd Hamilton, Stuart Appleby, Tim Herron, Tommy Armour III, Chris DiMarco, Corey Pavin, Rocco Mediate** and **Billy Mayfair**.
- Seven rookies are currently among the Top 125—**Marc Leishman, Webb Simpson, Jeff Klauk, Scott Piercy, James Nitties, Matt Bettencourt** and **Ricky Barnes**.
- The field in Las Vegas this week includes 11 players who have won in 2009 and 28 who have won since the start of the 2008 season. It also includes four players who competed in last week's Presidents Cup—**Jim Furyk, Anthony Kim, Hunter Mahan** and **Tim Clark**. The field also boasts nine players who reached THE TOUR Championship this year.
- If you need more proof of how crucial Putting is on TOUR, take a look at **Joe Durant, Jay Williamson** and **Scott Sterling**. All three rank among the Top 10 in Greens in Regulation, a critical component to TOUR success. However, all three rank 132<sup>nd</sup> or lower in Putting and as a consequence, all three rank well outside the Top 125 on the money list.

### *CHAMPIONS TOUR*

- This week's Administraff Small Business Classic outside Houston will be the 900<sup>th</sup> event in Champions Tour history.
- **Scott Simpson** has a shot at a rare double. Simpson currently leads the Tour in Driving Accuracy and is sixth in Greens in Regulation. No one has ever led both

categories in the same season. In fact, no one who has ever won a Driving Accuracy title has ever won a Greens in Regulation title.

- There's a real good race for the Charles Schwab Cup this year with **Loren Roberts** currently leading **Fred Funk** by only 165 points and **Bernhard Langer** by 486.

### **NATIONWIDE TOUR**

- This week's Miccosukee Championship is the last full-field event of the season and the last chance for players to climb into the Top 60 on the money list and qualify for next week's season-ending Nationwide Tour Championship at Daniel Island.
- Last year's graduating class has done well so far on the PGA TOUR with nine of The 25 standing safely inside the Top 125. **Marc Leishman** leads the pack standing in 44<sup>th</sup> place on the money list.
- Leading money winner and now PGA TOUR member **Michael Sim** is back on the Nationwide Tour this week. He's looking to preserve his spot atop the money list and earn the invite to the 2010 PLAYERS Championship that goes to the Tour's leading money winner.