



## 2009 Transitions Championship

(The 13<sup>th</sup> of 37 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)

**Palm Harbor, FL      March 16-22, 2009      FedExCup Points: 500**  
**Innisbrook Resort & Golf Club, Copperhead Course**

**Purse: \$5,400,000**  
**Par/Yards: 36-35—71/7,340**

### Final-Round Notes – Sunday, March 22, 2009

*Weather: Mostly sunny and breezy with temperatures in the mid-to-upper 70s. Winds NE 10-15 mph.*

Retief Goosen, a winner here at Innisbrook in 2003, joins K.J. Choi (2002/2006) as the only other multiple champion of this event. A native of South Africa, Goosen's win marked the fifth time in nine years that an international player has won the Transitions Championship.

Retief Goosen's seventh career win on the PGA TOUR today comes 3 years, 7 months and 15 days (62 starts) after his last win on the circuit at The INTERNATIONAL in 2005. Today's win is his first in a stroke-play tournament since the 2004 TOUR Championship presented by Coca-Cola. The win today was his 29<sup>th</sup> title worldwide.

Retief Goosen became the third winner on the 2009 PGA TOUR over the age of 40 (Kenny Perry/FBR Open/48 years, 4 months, 23 days, Michael Bradley/Puerto Rico Open/42 years, 7 months, 28 days). He also became the third player over 40 to claim the Transitions Championship (Mark Calcavecchia, age 46 in 2007, Vijay Singh, age 41 in 2004).

Retief Goosen earned 500 FedExCup points for winning the Transitions Championship today and moved up from 37<sup>th</sup> place into fifth position in the overall standings. Through Week 11 of the 2009 PGA TOUR season, here are the current standings for the top five:

1.	Geoff Ogilvy	1204 points
2.	Phil Mickelson	1153 points
3.	Nick Watney	1028 points
4.	Kenny Perry	868 points
5.	Retief Goosen	759 points

With Retief Goosen's come-from-behind victory today, only two 54-hole leaders/co-leaders on the Copperhead Course at Innisbrook Resort have gone on to win.

Year	54-hole leader/co-leader	Champion
2009	Tom Lehman-1 up over Retief Goosen	Retief Goosen-276 (-8)
2008	Cink-2 up on Ogilvy, Snedeker, Mayfair	Sean O'Hair-280 (-4)
2007	Mark Calcavecchia/Heath Slocum tied	Mark Calcavecchia-274 (-10)
2006	K.J. Choi-1 up on Gay, Els, Goydos	K.J. Choi-271 (-13)
2005	Steve Lowery/Carl Petterson tied	Carl Petterson-275 (-9)
2004	Vijay Singh-1 up on Tommy Armour III	Vijay Singh-266 (-18)
2003	Retief Goosen-2 up on Briny Baird	Retief Goosen-272 (-12)
2002	K.J. Choi-5 up on Pat Perez	K.J. Choi-267 (-17)
2000	Carl Paulson-2 up on Len Mattiace	John Huston-271 (-13)

Retief Goosen's win today means the Transitions Championship victor has come from the last grouping in three of the

last four years and five times in the nine-year history of the event.

Here is a capsule of Retief Goosen's victory record on the PGA TOUR:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Standing After 54 Holes</u>	<u>Details of Victory</u>
2009 Transitions Championship	1 stroke back of Tom Lehman	1 stroke ahead of Quigley/Howell III
2005 The INTERNATIONAL	9 points behind Brandt Jobe	1 point ahead of Brandt Jobe
2004 TOUR Championship	4 strokes back of Haas/Woods	4 strokes ahead of Woods
2004 U.S. Open	2 strokes ahead of Els/Mickelson	2 strokes ahead of Mickelson
2003 Chrysler Championship	2 strokes ahead of Briny Baird	3 strokes ahead of Vijay Singh
2002 BellSouth Classic	4 strokes ahead of Phil Mickelson	4 strokes ahead of Jesper Parnevik
2001 U.S. Open	tied with Stewart Cink	defeated Mark Brooks in a playoff

Retief Goosen earned a check for \$972,000 and moved from 36<sup>th</sup> to sixth on the 2009 money list. Goosen has played in six events and now has total earnings of \$1,518,720 this year. Goosen also passes \$21 million mark in PGA TOUR career earnings and moves inside the top-20 on the all-time career money list.

Retief Goosen's 72-hole total of 8-under 276 is the highest winning score in relation to par on the PGA TOUR this year. Y.E. Yang claimed the Honda Classic two weeks ago with a winning total of 9-under-par 271.

Retief Goosen's five bogeys were the fewest by any player in the field this week. Steve Stricker made the most birdies over 72 holes (19) this week.

Brett Quigley recorded his second consecutive T2 on the PGA TOUR. Last week at the Puerto Rico Open, Quigley was T2 along with Jason Day, one stroke back of Michael Bradley. In 342 career starts, Quigley has never won on the PGA TOUR. He was also T2 at the 2001 Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic and 2004 U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee.

Charles Howell III's T2 this week was his best effort on the PGA TOUR since winning the 2007 Nissan Open in Los Angeles. Earlier this year, Howell finished fourth at the Sony Open in Hawaii. Howell's previous-best here at Innisbrook was a solo sixth in 2007.

Both Rocco Mediate and Bo Van Pelt made significant moves upward in the final round of the Transitions Championship. Van Pelt's 5-under 66 today was the best Sunday score in the field and the round moved him up 35 spots into a T8. Mediate's 67 today jumped him up 37 places into a T27, his best finish of the 2009 season.

Mark Wilson had the only bogey-free round on Sunday. Wilson, a winner earlier this year at the Mayakoba Golf Classic, carded 68 and moved up 20 spots into a T12.

Here's how the par-71 Copperhead Course at Innisbrook Resort played by round this year:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>
Stroke Average	71.625	72.406	72.324	72.548
Hardest hole/average	No. 2/4.292	No. 6/4.406	No. 6/4.297	No. 13/3.397
Easiest hole/average	No. 11/4.660	No. 1/4.748	No. 1/4.716	No. 11/4.671
Par/better rounds	74	53	30	27
Rounds below par	49	37	16	20

The overall cumulative scoring average on the Copperhead Course this year was 72.157. Last year, the scoring average for this event was 72.970 (8<sup>th</sup> hardest).

Jimmy Walker, who got into the field on Wednesday when Michael Campbell withdrew, was forced to withdraw before his round today due to a neck injury.

First-round leader Jim Furyk ended up T52 in the event, the lowest finish by a Thursday leader in tournament history.

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