

## E-Notes from the PGA TOUR



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- **Phil Mickelson** will be making his 2009 PGA TOUR debut this week at the FBR Open and what a track record he has in that event. He has 9 Top-10 finishes, including five of his last six starts in the tournament. He's also won twice—1996 and 2005—and has 36 rounds in the 60s at the TPC Scottsdale.
- Another player with a great FBR Open record is **Mark Calcavecchia**. He's won the tournament three times and also has 9 Top-10 finishes. He's been in the 60s in 49 of his 78 rounds and has seven rounds of 64 or less, including a 60 in 2001. In that season, he broke the TOUR's long-standing 72 hole scoring mark, posting a 256. That record was broken by **Tommy Armour III** at the 2003 Valero Texas Open.
- When **Mark Calcavecchia** wins at the FBR Open, he goes low. In his three wins, he's been 20-under, 21-under and 28-under.
- There have been three rounds of 60 shot at the TPC Scottsdale recorded by **Grant Waite, Mark Calcavecchia and Phil Mickelson**. The only other course in TOUR history to surrender three rounds of 60 is Brackenridge Park, the old home of the Valero Texas Open.
- Speaking of low scores, there were 36 rounds of 63 or better shot last week at the 50<sup>th</sup> Bob Hope Classic hosted by Arnold Palmer.
- The FBR Open has produced a number of multiple winners in its history. A total of 13 players have won the event more than once with **Arnold Palmer, Gene Littler and Mark Calcavecchia** leading the way with three wins each.
- **David Duval's** 14-under effort last week was the most under-par he's been in a tournament since he finished 25-under at the 2002 Las Vegas Invitational.

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### CHAMPIONS TOUR

- **Gary Player** bettered his age in all three rounds of last week's season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship. The 73-year old posted scores of 70-71-72. The last player to better his age in all three rounds of a Champions Tour event was **Jerry Barber** who shot scores of 74-75-69 at age 78 while playing in the 1994 Kroger Senior Classic.
- **Jeff Sluman** continued his hot streak from the 2008 season with three more sub-par rounds to start the 2009 campaign. He now has 28 consecutive rounds of par-or-better to his credit—the third best streak of all-time. **Loren Roberts** holds the record at 37 rounds and **Larry Nelson** is second at 32.

### NATIONWIDE TOUR

- Next Monday, Feb. 2, will be the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the very first round played on the Nationwide Tour. The Tour began in 1990 with the Bakersfield Open in California. **Mike Springer** was the first winner on the Tour.
- The victories by **Zach Johnson** and **Pat Perez** are the 238<sup>th</sup> and 239<sup>th</sup> victories on the PGA TOUR by a former Nationwide Tour player.