

## E-Notes from the PGA TOUR



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- You could say that there are two defending champs at this week's Quail Hollow Championship--**Anthony Kim**, who won last year's event, and **Tiger Woods**, who won the 2007 tournament but was unable to return last year due to knee surgery.
- This week's Quail Hollow Championship offers the last opportunity to qualify for next week's THE PLAYERS Championship. If not otherwise qualified, this week's winner would earn a spot in the field.
- This week's field in Charlotte features 7 of the Top 10 players in the current FedExCup standings and 38 players who have won since the start of the 2008 season. There are also 19 former major championship winners on hand.
- This is the halfway point of the PGA TOUR Regular Season (16 weeks into the year) and while it's not too late to move up in the FedExCup standings, it should be noted that six of the Top 10 at this same point last year ended the Regular Season among the Top 10.
- One more FedExCup item: With the field reduced to 125 players to start the PGA TOUR Playoffs this year, seven winners from 2008 are currently outside the Top 125—**Sergio Garcia, Ryan Palmer, Johnson Wagner, Greg Kraft, Chez Reavie, Parker McLachlin and Marc Turnesa**. No need to panic, though. At this same time last year, Garcia, for one, was 118<sup>th</sup> on the list and ended the Regular Season in 12<sup>th</sup> place thanks to strong play in the second half of the year.
- In just four playings of the Zurich Classic of New Orleans at the TPC Louisiana, University of Hartford grads (and teammates) have won twice. **Tim Petrovic** won in 2005 and **Jerry Kelly** won last week.
- The victory by **Jerry Kelly** last week ended a stretch of 42 Top-10 finishes since his last win. **Robert Allenby** has the most Top-10 finishes on TOUR since his last victory—46.

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### CHAMPIONS TOUR

- While the duo of **Andy North and Tom Watson** didn't successfully defend their crown at last week's Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf, they did extend their streak without making a bogey to 216 holes.
- **Tom Lehman**, who teamed with **Bernhard Langer** to win last week's Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf, is the 13<sup>th</sup> player in Champions Tour history to win in his debut on the circuit joining an illustrious list that includes **Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player**.
- Last year's Player of the Year, **Bernhard Langer**, continues to excel on the Champions Tour. He currently leads both the money list and the Charles Schwab Cup list. He has the most victories on Tour (2) and Top-10's (7), and leads the Tour in Scoring, Greens in Regulation, Birdies (tied with **Jay Haas**) and All-Around.
- The Champions Tour will be off this week and next before returning May 11-17 for the Regions Charity Classic outside Birmingham, AL.

### NATIONWIDE TOUR

- The number one and two players in the All-Around stat category on the Nationwide Tour? **Michael Sim and Michael Sims**.
- More on Sim: He leads the Tour in earnings by more than \$90,000 and here's why. He's first in Scoring Average, Greens in Regulation, Putting, Total Driving and All-Around.
- The win at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans by **Jerry Kelly** was the 244<sup>th</sup> by a former Nationwide Tour player on the PGA TOUR.
- The Nationwide Tour will be off this week and next before returning May 11-17 for the BMW Charity Pro-Am in upstate South Carolina.