

E-Notes from the PGA TOUR



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- **Tiger Woods** will be looking for his seventh World Golf Championships-CA title this week. His previous six victories have come on six different courses stretching from Spain, Ireland and England to California, Georgia and Florida.
- More on **Tiger Woods**: In six previous starts at Doral CC, Woods has six Top-10 finishes, including three wins. He's a collective 89-under over those six starts.
- **Geoff Ogilvy** will be back in action at the CA Championship this week looking to become only the second player to successfully defend a World Golf Championships event. **Tiger Woods** is the only one who has done so. Ogilvy will also be looking to join Woods as the only players to win back-to-back World Golf Championships events. Ogilvy won the Accenture Match Play Championship just two weeks ago.
- Six players—**Thomas Aiken, Ken Duke, Garth Mulroy, Bubba Watson, Y.E. Yang and Azuma Yano**—will make their first ever starts in a World Golf Championships event this week.
- **Stuart Appleby** will continue his streak as the only player to play in every individual World Golf Championships event since its inception in 1999.
- The PGA TOUR will also be off the mainland this week for the second annual Puerto Rico Open presented by Banco Popular. In combining the fields for the two events, a total of 26 different countries will be represented in the fields.
- Among those teeing it up this week in Puerto Rico is **Manuel Villegas**, the brother of PGA TOUR star **Camilo Villegas**. It will be the first career PGA TOUR start for Manuel.

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CHAMPIONS TOUR

- **Eduardo Romero** will be challenged by history this week. No one has won the Toshiba Classic and the AT&T Champions Classic in the same season. Romero won Toshiba last week.
- **Tom Purtzer** has a great record in the AT&T Champions Classic. The 2003 and 2007 champion has six Top-10 finishes in seven starts in the event.
- Three players have won the PGA TOUR and Champions Tour event in Los Angeles—**Gil Morgan, Tom Purtzer and Tom Kite**.
- Last year's Player of the Year is taking up right where he left off. **Bernhard Langer** leads the money list, the Charles Schwab Cup list and is first on Tour in Scoring Average, Greens In Regulation, Birdies and All-Around.

NATIONWIDE TOUR

- The Nationwide Tour remains in New Zealand this week for the Michael Hill New Zealand Open. It's the first of four new events on the schedule for 2009.
- While it is a new event on the Nationwide Tour schedule, the Michael Hill New Zealand Open is hardly a newcomer. It was first contested in 1907.
- Among those playing this week in New Zealand are 18-year old sensation **Danny Lee** and 73-year old World Golf Hall of Fame member **Bob Charles**.