



# **Insperity Invitational**

The Woodlands CC (Tournament)/The Woodlands, Texas| May 5-7, 2017

# **First-Round Notes**

**Course Setup:** Par 72/7,002 yards/ 72.582 R1 scoring average **Weather:** Sunny and pleasant with highs near 80. NW wind 8-15 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Tom Lehman	-8+	34-30 - 64
T2.	Kirk Triplett	-5	34-33 - 67
T2.	Jay Haas	-5	34-33 - 67
Τ4.	Mark Brooks	-4+	35-33 - 68
Τ4.	Russ Cochran	-4	34-34 - 68
T4.	John Daly	-4+	33-35 - 68
T4.	Paul Goydos	-4+	33-35 - 68

+ Indicates started on #10

- Quick Links:
  - <u>Leaderboard</u>
  - <u>Tee Times</u>
  - <u>PGATOURmedia.com</u> (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### Tom Lehman, 34-30 - 64 (-8)

- His opening-round 8-under-par 64 matched his lowest opening-round effort on PGA TOUR Champions 2012 ACE Group Classic and 2015 3M Championship.
- His 64 was his lowest round in 18 rounds here at The Woodlands CC. His previous low was a 7-under-par 65 in 2012 which also gave him the opening-round lead.
- Round included nine birdies and one bogey (No. 7).
- In six previous starts in this event, he owns five top-10 finishes, including runner-up finishes in 2012 and 2015.
- Won the Tucson Conquistadores Classic by one stroke over Steve Stricker in March.
- Owns 10 wins on PGA TOUR Champions and five on the PGA TOUR where he was the Player of the Year in 1996...Also a four-time winner on the Web.com Tour
- Resides in Scottsdale, Arizona

## Kirk Triplett, 34-33 – 67 (-5)

• Posted a bogey-free 5-under-par 67, his best opening-round effort in this tournament in five starts.

- Was a T5 finisher a year ago when he rebounded from his opening-round 3-over-par 75 with weekend rounds of 69-66.
- Owns three top-10 finishes this year, including a third-place effort at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- Finished second to Fred Funk at the Shell Houston Open here in 1992.
- Like Tom Lehman, he has won on all three Tours, including five victories on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Resides in Scottsdale, Arizona.

### Jay Haas, 34-33 – 67 (-5)

- His 5-under-par 67 included just one bogey (No. 4.)
- Has enjoyed great success in this event with a 2006 victory at Augusta Pines as well as seven other top-10 finishes in 11 appearances.
- Won the Shell Houston Open on this course in 1987 when he defeated Buddy Gardner in a playoff.
- Friday's 5-under-par 67 was his first round in the 60s in the opening round since 2008. Had been on a run of seven straight rounds in the 70s after four straight in the 60s from 2005-08.
- Became the second-oldest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history last October at age 62 years, 10 months, 7 days when he prevailed in a one-hole playoff over Bart Bryant at the Toshiba Classic.

#### Tournament Notes...

- **Colin Montgomerie** celebrated his first start in a PGA TOUR Champions event since the Chubb Classic in February with a 1-under-par 71. It was his 31<sup>st</sup> consecutive sub-par round. Montgomerie had been sidelined with torn ligaments in his left ankle.
- Defending champion **Jesper Parnevik** shot a 1-under-par 71 and is currently T22.
- **Doug Garwood** and **Mark Calcavecchia** each one-putted 12 of 18 holes. Calcavecchia was also one of five players with just 24 putts to lead in that category.
- **Carlos Franco** birdied all four par-5s, the only player to do so.
- **Bernhard Langer,** a three-time winner of this event and the all-time leading money winner in this tournament, opened with a 3-under-par 69 and is T8. Langer did not make a birdie until No. 12 and later added two more for his bogey-free 69.
- The Woodlands resident **Jeff Maggert**, who was second last year, and had two other top-10 finishes, shot a 2-under-par 70. It was his eighth consecutive sub-par round on this course.
- The field averaged 72.582 with just 12 rounds in the 60s and 32 below par. A year ago the first-round average was 73.203.
- **John Daly** got off to a good start on Friday, shooting a 4-under-par 68 and is T4. He finished T17 here a year ago in his PGA TOUR Champions debut.
- The most difficult hole was No. 14. The 190-yard par-3 yielded just four birdies and the average score was 3.329. There were 12 bogeys, seven doubles and a triple.
- **Scott Parel** failed to have a three-putt on Friday and now has a string of 243 holes in succession without a three-putt. However, **Tom Pernice**, **Jr.**, saw his streak end at 206 with a three-putt at No. 5.
- **Steve Lowery** withdrew following his round.
- Twelve of the legends of the game will participate in the 3M Great of Golf competition on Saturday. Headlining the dozen competitors will be the team of **Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player** and **Lee Trevino.** The trio will compete in a scramble format against three other teams in an always memorable exhibition. The competitors have won over 200 PGA TOUR events, including 49 major titles.