

# 2024 Invited Celebrity Classic

## First-Round Notes

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Las Colinas Country Club | Irving, Texas

7th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,703 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 69.500
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, with a high of 70. Wind NNE 5-10 mph, with gusts to 15 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Thomas Bjørn	-7	32-32—64
T2	Jerry Kelly	-6	34-31—65
T2	Paul Broadhurst	-6	33-32—65
T2	Y.E. Yang	-6	32-33—65
T2	Clark Dennis	-6	36-29—65
T6	Six tied	-5	33-33—66

### Things to Know

- **Format:** The Invited Celebrity Classic features 78 PGA TOUR Champions professionals (54 holes of stroke play) alongside 40 celebrities (54 holes of Modified Stableford scoring).
- A 36-hole cut will reduce the field to the top 50 and ties (Champions Tour) and top 30 (Celebrity division)
- On the heels of a runner-up finish in his only other PGA TOUR Champions start this season, the Trophy Hassan II, Denmark's **Thomas Bjørn** birdies No.18 to claim solo possession of the lead.
- 2022 champion and last year's runner-up **Mardy Fish** leads the celebrity division with +37 points.

### Thomas Bjørn, 32-32—64 (-7)

- Following a runner-up finish in his only other start this season at the Trophy Hassan II, 53-year-old Denmark native opened his first Invited Celebrity Classic with a bogey-free 7-under 64.
- Was 6-under through 12 holes, before finishing with five pars and a birdie (No. 18).
- Best 18-hole position in a 54-hole PGA TOUR Champions event before this week was T9 at the 2024 Trophy Hassan II (finished 2<sup>nd</sup>).
- Winner of 19 International victories.

### Other Notes

- Beginning on No. 10, **Jerry Kelly** made the turn in 1-under 34; birdied five of his last eight holes to post a 6-under 65; was a perfect 13-for-13 in fairways hit; in the Invited Celebrity Classic's two previous contests of 2022 and 2023, finished 6<sup>th</sup> and T4, respectively; seeks a 12<sup>th</sup> career win on PGA TOUR Champions and first since the 2022 Shaw Charity Classic.
- After making the turn in 2-under, **Paul Broadhurst** birdied four of his last six holes to open with a 6-under 65; hit 17-of-18 greens in regulation; in two previous Invited Celebrity Classic starts, finished T7 in 2022 and T11 in 2023; seeks a sixth win on PGA TOUR Champions and first since the 2018 Ally Challenge.
- With nine birdies and three bogeys, **Y.E. Yang** made just one par on his first 13 holes (par-3 sixth); made par on each of his last five holes, good for a 6-under 65; posted a career-best five straight birdies on Nos. 7-11 (previous record: 4); remains in search of his first win on PGA TOUR Champions in his 58<sup>th</sup> start; best finish: 2<sup>nd</sup>/2022 Ascension Charity Classic.

- After making the turn at even-par, Monday qualifier, **Clark Dennis**, posted six birdies on the back-nine to post a 6-under 65; seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (37 events); best finish is T5 at the 2022 Ascension Charity Classic; competing in his first Champions Tour event since the 2023 Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS (T50).
- Defending Invited Celebrity Classic champion **Mark Hensby** sits T-29 after opening in 2-under 69.

### Celebrity Competition

	Player	Points
1	Mardy Fish	+37
2	Annika Sörenstam	+35
T3	Four tied	+34

- 2022 champion and 2023 runner-up **Mardy Fish** (former professional tennis player) leads with 37 points.
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Annika Sörenstam** netted 35 points, good for solo-second after third-places finishes in each of her two previous starts in the event in 2022 and 2023.
- 2022 runner-up up and 2023 champion **Tony Romo** (former Dallas Cowboys quarterback) managed 33 points in his quest to successfully defend his title.
- The tournament's modified Stableford scoring system awards points as follows: 10 points for double eagle, five for eagle, five for hole-in-one, three for birdie, two for par, one for bogey and 0 for double bogey.