

2026 Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare

First-Round Notes

Friday, May 8, 2026

The Woodlands Country Club | The Woodlands, Texas
9th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2026 Season



- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,001 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 70.493
- **Weather:** Cloudy. High of 76. Winds E at 5-10 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Ben Crane	-7	31-34 – 65
T2	Shane Bertsch	-6	33-33 – 66
	Thongchai Jaidee	-6	31-35 – 66
	Richard Green	-6	34-32 – 66
	Boo Weekley	-6	33-33 – 66

Things to Know

- Rookie **Ben Crane** birdied six of his first 10 holes en route to an opening 7-under 65 at the Insperity Invitational presented by UnitedHealthcare

Ben Crane, 31-34 – 65 (-7)

- The 50-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (seventh start).
 - Best finish: 2nd (2026 Senior PGA Championship)
- Entered the week ranked No. 8 in the 2026 Charles Schwab Cup standings with two top-10 finishes (six starts).
 - Top-10 finishes: 2nd (Senior PGA Championship), T10 (Mitsubishi Electric Classic)
 - Turned 50 years old on March 6.
- This is his low 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (18th stroke-play round).
 - Previous low: 66 (Hoag Classic, 1st Round)
- This is his first time leading/co-leading after any round on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - Previous best position: T2 (Mitsubishi Electric Classic, 1st Round) – finished T10
- Looks to become the second rookie winner of the 2026 season on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - Previous instance: Zach Johnson (James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational)
- Made one appearance at The Woodlands Country Club for the Texas Children’s Houston Open (2002, MC).

Other Notes

- **Shane Bertsch**, who started the week as second alternate, sits T2 after opening with 6-under 66. The 56-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (141st start).
 - Last win: 2020 Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge
- **Thongchai Jaidee** (T2), who finished T4 in each of the previous two Insperity Invitionals (2024, 2025), carded 6-under 66. The 56-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (108th start).
 - Last win: 2023 PURE Insurance Championship
- **Richard Green** (T2) shot bogey-free 66. The 55-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (85th start).
 - Last win: 2025 Rogers Charity Classic
- **Boo Weekley** sits T2 after posting bogey-free 66. The 52-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (64th start).
 - Best finish: T2 (2026 Chubb Classic)

- Two-time champion (2022, 2023) **Steven Alker** and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** are two of the five players sitting T6 at 5-under.
 - Alker, who entered the week No. 4 in the 2026 Charles Schwab Cup standings, is one of two multi-time winners of the Insperity Invitational, along with Bernhard Langer (4 wins).
- Defending champion and Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stewart Cink** (T11) carded 1-over 37 on the front nine before firing 5-under 31 on the back nine. Cink has won four of the eight tournaments contested on PGA TOUR Champions in 2026.
- **Robert Karlsson** (T11) made a hole-in-one on the par-3 14th hole.
- 2006 champion and 72-year-old **Jay Haas** (T18) opened with bogey-free 69 to shoot his age or better for the 43rd time on PGA TOUR Champions.
- 2017 champion **John Daly** withdrew during the first round.