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# Hoag Classic Returns to Newport Beach Country Club for Annual PGA TOUR Champions Event

Tickets on sale now for Wednesday, March 20 to Sunday, March 24, 2024

**NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., February 14, 2024** --- The Hoag Classic, Orange County's only PGA TOUR Champions event, returns to Newport Beach Country Club on March 20 through 24, 2024.

Hoag Health System is once again the title sponsor and beneficiary of the tournament, and City National Bank and McCarthy Building Companies are the tournament's presenting partners.

"Newport Beach has served as home to the Hoag Classic from its inception and remains a player favorite on the PGA TOUR Champions," said Scott Easton, executive director of the Hoag Classic. "This year, we will continue to bring out an unrivaled player field for fans, as well as create new and exciting experiences to enjoy."

Golf legends including two-time Hoag Classic winner and defending champion Ernie Els, alongside several other World Hall of Fame members and major championship winners such as Darren Clarke, Fred Couples, David Duval, Jim Furyk, Padraig Harrington, Retief Goosen, Colin Montgomerie, and Vijay Singh are expected to compete in the 2024 tournament for the \$2 million purse. For a current list of player and updates visit hoagclassic.com/player-field. (Players subject to change.)

As one of the largest philanthropic events in PGA TOUR Champions history, the Hoag Classic has raised more than \$25 million in total proceeds for Hoag's program and services, as well as other local educational and military charities.

"The wide exposure the Hoag Classic offers for the community of Orange County provides benefits that are immeasurable," said Robert T. Braithwaite, CEO of Hoag. "Hoag is proud to be a partner and beneficiary of the tournament. Through the incredible generosity and support from this event we've been able to significantly expand access to the world-class health and wellness services Hoag provides."







#### Schedule of Events

The Hoag Classic Community Breakfast, presented by Hoag Orthopedic Institute, will be held in advance of the tournament on Tuesday, March 19 at VEA Newport Beach Resort & Spa featuring golf legend David Duval and will be moderated by PGA TOUR winner and Golf Channel personality, John Cook. (This is a private event by invitation only.)

On Wednesday, March 20 and Thursday, March 21, the Aston Martin Newport Beach Legends Pro-Am, is the first event of tournament week open to the public. Attending these days gives fans an opportunity to catch golf legends in a more relaxed environment before the competition begins. Gates open from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The Hoag Classic Championship Weekend begins Friday, March 22 with the Opening Round presented by City National Bank. Tee-Times are from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 23 will honor current and former servicemen and women with Military Appreciation Day, presented by CoreLogic. All active duty, military reserve, National Guard, military retirees, and veterans – and one guest each – will receive complimentary admission with food and beverage. During the final rounds on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole the 2024 military honorees will be recognized and celebrated. After play concludes, join us on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole for the charity presentation as we continue the tradition of donating to military causes including the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation.

For the Final Round on Sunday, March 24, attendees ages 18 and under will receive complimentary admission for Student Day, presented by Kingston Technology. Students can enjoy the Kingston Autograph Arena to meet-and-greet with some of their favorite players. The First Tee will be conducting a chipping clinic for kids at 2 p.m. on the chipping green.

In addition to Student Day, Hoag Charity Sports and Hoag thank Kingston technology for funding \$70,000 in scholarships for Hoag's Employee Education Scholarship program. There will be a special private event on Sunday to present the 2024 scholarship recipients with their awards and to hear stories about how Hoag employees are advancing their education and elevating their level of care though this program.

#### **Tickets**

Daily grounds tickets are available online for \$40. Ticket sales will be online only and are available for purchase throughout the weekend. Children aged 11 and under receive complimentary admission.







For those looking for all-inclusive options, Partners Club tickets are available for \$425 per day and will have access to a skybox on the 17<sup>th</sup> green with food and full bar included.

For current tournament information, please visit <u>HoagClassic.com</u> or follow along on social media @HoagClassic.

## **ABOUT THE HOAG CLASSIC**

For one week each year, the international spotlight shines brightly on Orange County's only official PGA TOUR Champions event. Hosted at Newport Beach Country Club, the Hoag Classic, showcases golf legends such as Fred Couples, Retief Goosen, Ernie Els, Jim Furyk and Steve Stricker as they compete with more than 70 other PGA TOUR legends for the title. As one of the largest philanthropic events in PGA TOUR Champions history, the Hoag Classic has raised over \$25 million in total proceeds for Hoag's program and services, as well as other local educational and military charities. For more information visit <a href="https://www.HoagClassic.com">www.HoagClassic.com</a>.

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#### **ABOUT HOAG**

Hoag is a nonprofit, regional health care delivery system in Orange County, California. Delivering world-class, comprehensive, personalized care, Hoag consists of 1,800 top physicians, 16 urgent care facilities, 11 health & wellness centers, and two award-winning hospitals. Hoag offers a comprehensive blend of health care services that includes seven institutes providing specialized services in the following areas: <a href="mailto:cancer">cancer</a>, <a href="mailto:digestive health">digestive health</a>, <a href="health">heart</a> and vascular, <a href="mailto:neurosciences">neurosciences</a>, <a href="mailto:spine">spine</a>, <a href="women's health">women's health</a>, and orthopedics through Hoag's affiliate, <a href="Hoag Orthopedic Institute">Hoag Orthopedic Institute</a>, which consists of an orthopedic hospital and four ambulatory surgical centers. Hoag is the highest ranked hospital in Orange County by U.S. News & World Report and the only OC hospital ranked in the Top 10 in California, as well as a designated Magnet® hospital by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). For more information, visit <a href="mailto:hoag.org">hoag.org</a>.

## **ABOUT PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS**

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older, including 35 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Tour's mission is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at







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All events are televised in the United States on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, PGA TOUR Champions coverage is available in more than 170 countries and territories via 22 media partners.

#### ABOUT NEWPORT BEACH COUNTRY CLUB

Newport Beach Country Club is an exclusive and iconic Country Club in famed Newport Beach, CA. Perched above the famed Pacific Coast Highway, NBCC has captured the spirit of the Southern California lifestyle for more than 65 years. Spanning nearly 56,000 square feet and boasting panoramic views of emerald fairways and sapphire seas, the Clubhouse makes an architectural statement on coastal California Craftsman design. With a course originally designed by world-renowned designer William "Billy" Bell, NBCC has been one of the most popular stops on the PGA Champions Tour for more than 25 years and is the home of the annual Hoag Classic.

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