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Bernhard Langer Commits To Play 2017 Principal Charity Classic

Two-time Masters champion and six-time PGA TOUR Champions Player of the Year returns to Des Moines as defending Charles Schwab Cup champion



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DES MOINES (April 3, 2017) – The [Principal Charity Classic®](#), presented by Wells Fargo, the annual PGA TOUR Champions event in Des Moines, is pleased to announce 2016 PGA TOUR Champions Player of the Year and defending Charles Schwab Cup champion Bernhard Langer has committed to play in the 2017 Principal Charity Classic. The tournament will take place June 6-11 at historic Wakonda Club.

The Principal Charity Classic was named the PGA TOUR Champions Tournament of the Year in 2016 and has raised nearly \$10 million to benefit Iowa children's charities in the past decade.

"We are tremendously excited to welcome Bernhard Langer back to Des Moines for the 2017 Principal Charity Classic," said Greg Conrad, Principal Charity Classic Tournament Director. "His performance on the PGA TOUR Champions has been nothing short of spectacular, and he continues to raise his level of play every year. It's incredible and inspiring to watch him."

Langer, 59, recorded four victories last year – including two major championships – en route to claiming his record fourth Charles Schwab Cup title. The two-time Masters champion and World Golf Hall of Fame member was also named the PGA TOUR Champions Player of the Year for the sixth time in his decorated career.

Langer has 30 career PGA TOUR Champions wins, the second-highest total in TOUR history (Hale Irwin leads with 45). He previously played in the Principal Charity Classic in 2010, '12, '13 and '15, with a best finish of T10 in 2012.

Strong early field for 2017

In addition to Langer, early player commitments for the 2017 Principal Charity Classic include 2016 tournament champion Scott McCarron and fan favorite John Daly, as well as Jesper Parnevik, Billy Andrade, Mark Calcavecchia, Fred Funk, Jay Haas, Tom Lehman, Rocco Mediate, Tom Pernice, Jr., David Toms and Fuzzy Zoeller, among others.

“The strength of early player commitments for our 2017 tournament reflects the quality of the Principal Charity Classic and its status as a premier event among PGA TOUR Champions competitors,” Conrad said. “Great players want to play in great events, and the fantastic support of the Des Moines community – from spectators and volunteers to sponsors and local media – does not go unnoticed by the players.”

Save with code ‘Langer’

In recognition of Bernhard Langer’s return to the Principal Charity in 2017, fans can save 17% on all available ticket options – including VIP Champions Club tickets – now through April 10 by using promo code **LANGER** when purchasing tickets online at www.principalcharityclassic.com.

As a reminder, kids 15 and under may attend the Principal Charity Classic for free if accompanied by a ticketed adult. Complimentary admission is also provided for all active duty, retired and reserve military along with their dependents.

For more information about the Principal Charity Classic, including volunteer and sponsorship opportunities, visit www.principalcharityclassic.com.

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About the Principal Charity Classic

The Principal Charity Classic is an annual PGA TOUR Champions event focused on philanthropic giving. In 2016, the Principal Charity Classic was recognized as the PGA TOUR Champions Tournament of the Year. This premier golf event raises contributions for the tournament’s “**FORE Our Kids**” charities, including: 1) **Tournament Charity Partners**, select organizations that provide a broad level of support to children of Iowa in the areas of education and culture, financial security and stability, and/or health and wellness. These organizations are supported through net proceeds of the tournament; and 2) **Birdies for Charity Partners**, which includes more than 100 additional children’s charities across Iowa that receive support through individual pledges and contributions made prior to and during the tournament.

The 2017 Principal Charity Classic tournament will be played June 6-11, 2017, at Wakonda Club in Des Moines, Iowa. For more information on the charities and the tournament, visit principalcharityclassic.com and follow via [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

About PGA TOUR Champions

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of golf’s most recognizable and accomplished players, age 50 and older, including 32 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. In 2017, the

PGA TOUR Champions schedule includes 26 tournaments in 18 states, Japan, Wales and Canada, with purses totaling more than \$55 million. The Charles Schwab Cup, which includes the Regular Season and the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, is used to determine the season-long champion. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air live, tape-delayed or in a highlights-package format in excess of 190 countries and territories, reaching more than 330 million potential households. The PGA TOUR's web site is PGATOUR.COM, the No. 1 site in golf, and the organization is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Follow PGA TOUR Champions at [facebook.com/PGATOURChampions](https://www.facebook.com/PGATOURChampions), on Twitter [@ChampionsTour](https://twitter.com/ChampionsTour) and on Instagram [@pgatourchampions](https://www.instagram.com/pgatourchampions).