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Golf's Greatest Champion Jack Nicklaus Announced as Guest of Honor at the 2025 Hoag Classic Hall of Fame Community Breakfast presented by Hoag Orthopedic Institute

Limited tables still available for Special Breakfast Event on Tuesday, March 18 at Balboa Bay Club

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., January 14, 2025 --- The Hoag Classic announced today that Jack Nicklaus, golf's greatest champion, will be the guest of honor and keynote speaker at the 2025 Hoag Classic Hall of Fame Community Breakfast presented by Hoag Orthopedic Institute.

The annual special breakfast event will be held in advance of the tournament on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, at Balboa Bay Club. Tables for the Hoag Classic Hall of Fame Community Breakfast are on sale now in limited quantity. Visit hoagclassic.com/tickets for details.

Former Hoag Classic Hall of Fame Inductee Hank Adler will moderate the breakfast's special conversation with Nicklaus, including highlights from the legend's competitive professional career that spanned five decades with 120 tournament victories worldwide, including a record 18 major-championship titles.

"We're deeply honored to welcome Jack Nicklaus to the Hoag Classic Hall of Fame Community Breakfast," said Scott Easton, Executive Director of the Hoag Classic. "No name is more synonymous with greatness in the sport of golf than the name Jack Nicklaus, and no single person has changed the face of the sport more than Jack Nicklaus – the champion, the course designer, the businessman, the philanthropist, and the good-will ambassador. His unmatched achievements, legendary career, and lasting influence on the game of golf make this event a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our community to hear from one of the greatest champions and sportsmen of all time."

Nicklaus' competitive professional career includes six Masters titles, five PGA Championship wins, four U.S. Open victories, and three British Open titles. He won the career Grand Slam on both the regular and senior tours and was named "Golfer of the 20th Century" by every major media outlet. Nicklaus' legacy transcends his championship resumé, due to his global design work, and the commitment from Jack and wife Barbara to philanthropy, specifically efforts focused on pediatric care through the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation. Using his platform to benefit others has earned Nicklaus the designation as the first sportsman—and just the fourth individual in history—to be awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Congressional Gold Medal, and the Lincoln Medal.



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At this year's breakfast, Hoag Charity Sports will also be inducting the late Richard "Dick" Pickup into the Hall of Fame to honor him for his generous commitment to the tournament.

"Dick Pickup was a visionary philanthropist whose acts of generosity have left a transformational impact at Hoag and throughout the Orange County community," said Easton. "We are proud to honor his legacy and induct Dick Pickup into the Hoag Charity Sports Hall of Fame."

The Hoag Classic will take place the week of March 17–23 at the Newport Beach Country Club, in Newport Beach, Calif. The 2025 tournament will mark the 29th year of Orange County's only PGA TOUR Champions event and will once again feature Hoag as the title sponsor, along with City National Bank and McCarthy Building Companies as the tournament's presenting partners.

The Hoag Classic will be one of the premier Regular Season events on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2025, featuring a \$2,000,000 purse and leading to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs—a season-ending, three-tournament series used to determine the TOUR's season-long champion. The 2025 PGA TOUR Champions schedule features 28 events and will conclude with the Charles Schwab Cup Championship in Phoenix, AZ. The 2025 Season will have players competing for more than \$69 million in total prize money, the highest in PGA TOUR Champions' 45-season history.

All three rounds of the Hoag Classic will be broadcast on Golf Channel.

More exciting events and experiences happening throughout the 2025 Hoag Classic tournament week will be announced soon. For current tournament information, including ticket sales, Pro-Am, hospitality and volunteer opportunities please visit [HoagClassic.com](https://www.HoagClassic.com). For the latest Hoag Classic news and updates on social media follow the tournament on X, Instagram and Facebook at @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 www.HoagClassic.com.

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, 17 urgent care facilities, 11 health & wellness centers, and two award-winning hospitals. Hoag offers a comprehensive blend of health care services that includes seven



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institutes providing specialized services in the following areas: [cancer](#), [digestive health](#), [heart and vascular](#), [neurosciences](#), [spine](#), [women's health](#), and orthopedics through Hoag's affiliate, [Hoag Orthopedic Institute](#), 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 hoag.org.

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 PGATOUR.com, on [Facebook](#), on [Twitter](#) (@ChampionsTour), on [Instagram](#) (@pgatourchampions) and on [TikTok](#) (pgatourchampions).

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.

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