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Hoag Classic to Bring Golf Legends, Celebrities, Concerts and More to Newport Beach Country Club for Annual PGA TOUR Champions Event

- *Tournament brings out top player field including Padraig Harrington, Ernie Els, Bernhard Langer, Fred Couples among the impressive list of PGA TOUR Champions returning to compete for the \$2 million purse*
- *Special events throughout tournament week include a charity breakfast event with Jack Nicklaus, celebrity golf tournament, country music performance by LOCASH and more to benefit Hoag and other community charities*
- *Tickets on sale now for Sunday, March 16 to Sunday, March 23, 2024*

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif., February 4, 2025 --- The Hoag Classic, Orange County's exclusive PGA TOUR Champions event, returns to Newport Beach Country Club on March 16 through 23, 2025.

The 2025 tournament will mark the 29th year of the Hoag Classic 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 2025 player field, one of the strongest in PGA TOUR Champions history, features golf legends including defending champion Padraig Harrington, two-time Hoag Classic winner Ernie Els, and local favorite Fred Couples, alongside several other World Golf Hall of Fame members and major championship winners such as Bernhard Langer, Vijay Singh, Retief Goosen, Darren Clarke and David Duval competing for the \$2 million purse. For a current list of player and updates visit hoagclassic.com/player-field. (Players subject to change.)

"Newport Beach has been the proud home of the Hoag Classic since its inception, consistently delivering one of the strongest player fields and the most successful philanthropic events on the PGA TOUR Champions," said Scott Easton, Executive Director of the Hoag Classic. "This year, we're thrilled to raise the bar on our charitable giving and elevate the tournament experience with an exciting lineup of events that go beyond the golf course. From the Newport Beach Celebrity Classic featuring professional athletes and Hollywood stars, to the Hoag Classic Hall of Fame Community



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Breakfast with Jack Nicklaus, to live concerts, a salute to military and first responder heroes, and activities for fans of all ages, this week promises unforgettable moments both on and off the green.”

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 Hoag Classic creates immeasurable benefits for Orange County, shining a spotlight on our community,” said Andrew Guarni, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Hoag. “Proceeds from this incredible event directly support Hoag, enabling us to advance research and education as well as expand access to world-class health and wellness programs. We are proud to partner with and serve as a beneficiary of an event that continues to support our important mission.”

The Hoag Classic will be one of the premier Regular Season events on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2025, featuring a \$2 million 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.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, March 16

The inaugural Newport Beach Celebrity Classic will kick off the Hoag Classic week at Newport Beach Country Club, where more than 70 celebrities and current and former professional athletes will compete in a two-man celebrity team competition to benefit victims and first responders affected by the 2025 Southern California wildfires. Shotgun start at 1 p.m. This exclusive ticketed event offers all-inclusive food and beverages, with proceeds supporting Southern California fire relief efforts. Tickets can be purchased for a \$100 for adults and \$40 for children.

Tuesday, March 18

The Hoag Classic Hall of Fame Community Breakfast presented by Hoag Orthopedic Institute will feature golf’s greatest champion, Jack Nicklaus as the guest of honor and keynote speaker. Additionally, Hoag Charity Sports will also induct the late Richard “Dick” Pickup into the Hall of Fame to honor him for his generous commitment to the



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tournament. The highly anticipated annual event will take place at Balboa Bay Club from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. This is a ticketed event.

Wednesday, March 19 – Thursday, March 20

The Aston Martin Newport Beach Legends Pro-Am brings out the PGA TOUR Champions to Newport Beach Country Club for the official start 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. to 6 p.m. Shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Friday, March 21

The Hoag Classic Championship Weekend begins Friday, March 21 with ATI Restoration Salute to Service Day in Partnership with Folds of Honor Friday. Active duty, military reserve, National Guard, military retirees, veterans, and first responders (police, fire, paramedics and EMTs) – and one guest each – will receive complimentary admission. Attendees are encouraged to wear red, white and blue to show support. Highlights of the day include the Folds of Honor Scholarship presentations to 13 local dependents of military or first responders prior to the first group teeing off; a tribute to military honorees between the final groups on the 18th hole; an opportunity to leave a message on the Wall of Valor or plant a flag in the Field of Flags; and more.

Friday will also feature the TP Link Celebrity Challenge teeing off on the 10th tee, where four celebrities will compete to raise funds for first responders, and concludes with a charity presentation on the 18th green.

Following the end of play, fans are invited to “The Locals After Party at the 19th Hole,” featuring live music, food, and drink specials.

Gates open at 8 a.m. Tee Times from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 22

Round 2 of the Hoag Classic continues Saturday, March 22. Gates open at 8 a.m. Tee Times from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Saturday will also feature the City National Bank Celebrity Challenge. Four celebrities will compete teeing off on the 10th tee to raise funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters and First Tee of Orange County.

After play concludes, the Hoag Classic Sunset Celebration & Concert will be headlined by LOCASH – chart-topping country music duo. With hits like “I Love This Life” and “One Big Country Song,” LOCASH will be performing at the VEA Newport Beach from 6 to 9:30 p.m. This is a ticketed event to raise additional charitable support. Pool Deck



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Passes can be purchased for \$100 and an all-inclusive Marea VIP Terrace Pass presented by Konica Minolta are available for \$500.

Sunday, March 23

For the Final Round on Sunday, March 23, attendees ages 18 and younger will receive complimentary admission for Student Day, presented by Kingston Technology. Family-friendly activities include the Chipotle School Spirit Challenge, inviting fans to wear school colors; the Chipotle “Chip”ping Clinic presented by First Tee; as well as the Kingston Autograph Arena to meet-and-greet with players from 2 to 4 p.m.

In addition, Kingston Technology will also present \$70,000 in scholarships to Hoag’s Employee Education Scholarship program at a private event. The 2025 scholarship recipients will share how they are advancing their education and elevating their level of care they can provide through this program.

Gates open at 8 a.m. Tee Times from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The Champion Trophy Presentation will follow the end of play on the 18th green.

Tickets

This year’s expanded hospitality options at Newport Beach Country Club offer a chance to enjoy exclusive experiences while supporting charity. Daily Clubhouse (\$125) or Weekend Clubhouse Packages (\$350) are available online. Other ticketing options include Hoag Partners Club (\$425), and The Ritz-Carlton Residences Newport Beach Lux Club packages (\$3,000). Daily grounds tickets are also available online for \$40. Children aged 11 and younger receive complimentary admission. Special event tickets, such as the Newport Beach Celebrity Classic, Sunset Celebration & Concert, Hoag Classic Hall of Fame Community Breakfast, and Pro-Am tournaments are also available to purchase online. A limited number of tickets are available, and they are expected to sell out.

For current tournament information, ticket sales, pricing and schedule of events, please visit HoagClassic.com or follow along on social media @HoagClassic.

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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



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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, 12 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: [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® with Distinction* 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 [X \(@ChampionsTour\)](#), 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.

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.