









# Invited Celebrity Classic presented by Choctaw Casinos & Resorts Tournament Update

Celebrities: Roger Clemens, Kevin Millar, Wells Adams set to play Fan Experience: Signature cocktails "Choctaw Crush" and "Maestro Dobel Ace Paloma" to be served onsite

Competition: Colonial winners David Toms, Steve Flesch and Tim Herron join the field

**IRVING, TX** – Las Colinas Country Club is set to host the second annual <u>Invited Celebrity Classic</u> presented by Choctaw Casinos & Resorts on April 21-23. At this unique PGA TOUR Champions event, a field of 78 PGA TOUR Champions players and 40 celebrities will compete in separate competitions for \$2.5 million in prize money. GOLF Channel will televise all three days of competition with celebrities and PGA TOUR Champions paired in the same groups over 54 holes.

Grounds tickets will be provided free of charge for all three days of the tournament, with Invited sponsoring admission on Friday, April 21, Energy Transfer on Saturday, April 22, and Choctaw Casinos & Resorts on Sunday, April 23. Additionally, upgraded Clubhouse tickets and other hospitality packages are also available for purchase. Backed by strong sponsor and community support, proceeds from the Invited Celebrity Classic will benefit First Tee Greater Dallas, First Tee Fort Worth and Momentous Institute.

The on-site experience at Las Colinas Country Club will not only feature some of the world's best golfers and celebrities from the sports and entertainment world, but a number of fan experience elements that make the Invited Celebrity Classic a must-attend event.

**CELEBRITIES:** Major League Baseball luminaries Roger Clemens and Kevin Millar plus *Bachelor* franchise reality TV star Wells Adams highlight the latest additions to the celebrity field

Roger Clemens, nicknamed "Rocket," stands as one of the most dominant pitchers in MLB history. Throughout his 24 seasons, he won seven Cy Young Awards and was named to the All-Star game 11 times. He played for four different teams, spending the majority of his career in Boston and finishing up with the New York Yankees. In 2014, he was inducted into the Boston Red Sox Hall of Fame. A resident of Houston, Texas, Clemens is an accomplished celebrity golfer, finishing 28<sup>th</sup> at the 2020 American Century Championship in Lake Tahoe.

Kevin Millar began his MLB career with the Florida Marlins in 1997, reaching base that season in a league-record 71 straight games. Before his retirement in 2010, he also played for the Orioles, Blue Jays and Red Sox, where his clubhouse presence and offensive production helped spark Boston to a World Series Championship in 2004. Millar now cohosts thepopular MLB Networkshow *Intentional Talk*. In 2018, he launched the show's companion audio podcast, *Intentional Talk*: Caught Listening. Millar returns after finishing 36th overall in last year's Invited Celebrity Classic.

Wells Adams launched his radio career at 16 and spent 12 years in Nashville as a prominent morning show host. He then dipped his toe into television, appearing on the 12th season of *The Bachelorette*. A fan favorite, Wells became the resident bartender and therapist on *Bachelor In Paradise* and continues today as a mainstay on the hit ABC show. Additionally, Adams hosts Hulu's *Best In Dough*, a popular pizza cooking competition, and two different podcasts. *Your Favorite Thing Podcast* is a weekly offering with Brandi Cyrus, Miley Cyrus' big sister, and daughter of Billy Ray Cyrus. Wells also hosts a show with Food Network star Tyler Florence called *Two Dudes In A Kitchen*, in which the two talk about everything tasty. Married to famed *Modern Family* actor Sarah Hyland, Adams will compete in the Invited Celebrity Classic for the first time.

**FAN EXPERIENCE:** There will be a number of food and beverage options at this year's Invited Celebrity Classic, including unique signature cocktails from two tournament partners - Choctaw Casinos & Resorts and Maestro Dobel® Tequila:

## **Choctaw Crush Ingredients:**

- 1.5 oz. Grey Goose Vodka
- 3 oz. Simply Lemonade
- 1 chopped strawberry

Lemon wheel

#### Method:

Muddle chopped strawberry in shaker tin, top with vodka and lemonade, then fill with ice. Shake vigorously, then strain over fresh ice in a Collins glass. Garnish with a lemon wheel.

# Maestro Dobel Ace Paloma Cocktail Ingredients:

- 1.5 oz. Maestro Dobel Diamante
- 0.25 oz. simple svrup
- 0.25 oz. fresh lime juice
- 0.25 oz. fresh grapefruit juice
- 2 oz. grapefruit soda

#### Method:

Build in a shaker, shake and pour over fresh ice into diamante glass. Top with grapefruit soda and garnish with a rim of kosher salt and a pink grapefruit wedge placed right side up on the mouth of the glass, serve.

**COMPETITION:** A number of Dallas-Fort Worth area PGA TOUR winners will be among the field at this year's Invited Celebrity Classic, including the trio of David Toms, Steve Flesch, and Tim Herron, all of whom prevailed at the Charles Schwab Challenge at Colonial Country Club in Fort Worth prior to joining PGA TOUR Champions.

Winner of the 2001 PGA Championship, Toms also counts the 2011 Charles Schwab Challenge among his 13 career PGA TOUR victories. Since joining PGA TOUR Champions full time in 2017, Toms has added two more wins to his resume, including the 2018 U.S. Senior Open. During his five years on PGA TOUR Champions, Toms has never finished outside the top 15 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, and he kicked off his 2023 season with a T15 finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.

One of just a handful of left-handed golfers on PGA TOUR Champions, Flesch earned the second of his four career PGA TOUR victories at the 2004 Charles Schwab Challenge. He's coming off a successful 2022 campaign during which he won two PGA TOUR Champions events and finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. He'll look to improve on a T26 finish at last year's Invited Celebrity Classic.

Affectionately known as "Lumpy," Herron earned the last of his four PGA TOUR wins at Colonial Country Club in 2006. He debuted on PGA TOUR Champions during the COVID-impacted 2020-21 season and finished T2 at the Boeing Classic and T3 at the Principal Charity Classic as part of a successful rookie campaign. He backed that up with seven top-25 finishes last year, including a T-21 finish at the inaugural Invited Celebrity Classic.

The Invited Celebrity Classic will be an event for fans of all ages. As a company, Invited takes pride in its experiential hospitality from the golf courses to family time. The tournament will reflect how Invited Clubs combine exceptional amenities and unmatched service with a friendly and welcoming spirit. Additionally, the event connects to diverse social, charitable, family, and business elements of the community.

With its status as the leader in the private Golf Club industry, Invited embraces its role as a leading lifestyle company bringing people together through extraordinary experiences, impeccable service, and opportunities to build meaningful relationships. The recent reimagination of Las Colinas Country Club as a premier golf and country club showcases the company's commitment to delivering exceptional experiences across its unmatched portfolio.

The Invited Celebrity Classic is operated by Mike Flaskey Entertainment. Flaskey, former CEO of Diamond Resorts International, has extensive experience conceiving and overseeing top-tier golf events with both the LPGA Tour and PGA TOUR Champions, plus All-Stars and Hall of Famers from NFL, MLB, NBA, and NHL teams.

The tournament will benefit two children's non-profit organizations, Momentous Institute, and the First Tee Greater Dallas and First Tee Fort Worth. Follow event updates and news on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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# **About Choctaw Casinos & Resorts**

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## About Maestro Dobel® Tequila

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## About Invited (formerly ClubCorp)

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Marquee Invited properties include Firestone Country Club (Akron, Ohio); Mission Hills Country Club (Rancho Mirage, California); The Woodlands Country Club (Houston, Texas); and The Metropolitan Club (Chicago, Illinois).

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