

INVITED CELEBRITY CLASSIC

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INVITED CELEBRITY CLASSIC MEDIA ALERT: Sörenstam to Reunite with Wilson in Special Pairing Celebrating 20 Years Since Historic PGA TOUR Start

WHAT: In 2003, Annika Sörenstam became the first woman in more than 50 years to play in a PGA TOUR event at the Colonial in the Dallas/Ft. Worth metroplex. At the event, she was paired with Dean Wilson and Aaron Barber for the opening rounds connecting them as part of the storyline moving forward.

Today, officials at the Invited Celebrity Classic presented by Choctaw Casinos & Resorts have announced that Wilson has accepted a sponsor's exemption to play in the PGA TOUR Champions event and will be paired with Sörenstam as she competes in the celebrity portion of the three-day competition as the tournament celebrates the 20-year reunion of this historic moment in golf in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.

MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Wilson and Sörenstam will conduct a ***joint press conference at Las Colinas Country Club on Thursday, April 20 at 10:00 a.m. CT.*** Credentialed media are invited to attend the press conference.

The second annual [Invited Celebrity Classic presented by Choctaw Casinos & Resorts](#) is a unique official PGA TOUR Champions tournament with a field of 78 PGA TOUR Champions players and 40 celebrities playing in separate competitions for \$2.5 million in prize money. All three days of competition will be televised live by GOLF Channel with celebrities and PGA TOUR Champions paired in the same groups over 54 holes.

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.

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 the Momentous Institute, First Tee Greater Dallas and First Tee Fort Worth. Follow event updates and news on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#).

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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, with most receiving complete coverage on

Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Tournament programming is available via 25+ TV linear partners in 145+ countries and territories, with 25 channels carrying long-form and/or highlights coverage, and 200+ hours of live coverage distributed in 135+ countries and territories. Programming is also available via the OTT platform GOLFTV powered by PGA TOUR in every market outside of the United States, excluding China and Korea, with live coverage distributed in 130+ countries and territories.

About Choctaw Casinos & Resorts - Owned and operated by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, the third-largest Indian Nation in the United States with more than 208,000 tribal members and 12,000 employees. Choctaw Casinos feature a variety of gaming, hotel, and resort properties throughout southeastern Oklahoma. Locations include Durant, Grant, Pocola, Idabel, Broken Bow, McAlester, Stigler, and Stringtown. The Choctaw Casino & Resort-Durant underwent a \$500 million expansion in August 2021 that added 1,000 more rooms and created 1,000 new jobs. In addition to the increased room capacity, the new Sky Tower also features an expanded non-smoking gaming floor and fresh amenities such as new pools, a parking garage, retail space, entertainment options, and dining venues. For more information, visit www.ChoctawCasinos.com.

About Invited (formerly ClubCorp) - Since its founding in 1957, Dallas-based Invited has operated with the mission of Building Relationships and Enriching Lives®. The leading owner-operator of private golf and country clubs, city, and stadium clubs in North America, Invited is relentless in its pursuit of providing extraordinary experiences, meaningful connections, shared passions, and memorable moments for its more than 400,000 members. The company's mission is supported by 20,000 peak-season employees and a portfolio of 200 owned or operated golf and country clubs, city clubs, sports clubs, stadium clubs in 29 states, and seven BigShots Golf locations. Invited creates communities and a lifestyle through its championship golf courses, workspaces, handcrafted cuisine, resort-style pools, tennis and pickleball facilities, golf lounges, fitness centers, and pioneering programming.

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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