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## Ascension CHARITY CLASSIC

presented by EMERSON



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### FINAL FIELD ANNOUNCED FOR THE INAUGURAL ASCENSION CHARITY CLASSIC PRESENTED BY EMERSON

*Stellar field includes eight of the top-10 in the Charles Schwab Cup, 24 PGA TOUR Champions major championship title holders and eight World Golf Hall of Fame members*

**ST. LOUIS (September 3, 2021)** – Tournament officials announced today the final field for the inaugural playing of the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson at Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis, Mo. scheduled for next week, Sept. 6 – 12. This elite roster of 81\* players collectively represent 243 PGA TOUR Champions victories, including 24 senior major championship titles.

The field also contains 19 PGA TOUR major championship wins and eight World Golf Hall of Fame members, including recent additions to the field, Collin Montgomerie, Olazábal, José María and Vijay Singh. Eight of the top-10 players in the Charles Schwab Cup ranking are represented, including the top four: two-time Masters champion Bernhard Langer (No.1), 2003 U.S. Open Champion Jim Furyk (No.2), 2020 SENIOR PLAYERS champion Jerry Kelly (No.3), and four-time major winner Ernie Els (No. 4).

The world-class field also features two-time Ryder Cup Captain and 1997 PGA Championship winner Davis Love III, 2003 Masters champion Mike Weir, and fan favorite John Daly—who has two major titles of his own. St. Louis natives Jay Delsing and Jay Williamson will also tee it up at Norwood Hills next week after receiving the tournament's two unrestricted exemptions.

Tickets for the tournament can be purchased at [ascensioncharityclassic.com](http://ascensioncharityclassic.com). Two types of weekly admission options are available: A Clubhouse Ticket and a Grounds Ticket. Daily tickets are also offered. Tickets start at \$20, and kids 16 and under can attend for free with a ticketed adult.

#### **2021 FIELD OF COMPETITORS AS OF FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2021, AT 5 P.M.**

Alker, Steven	Els, Ernie	Montgomerie, Colin	Williamson, Jay +
Allen, Michael	Estes, Bob	O'Meara, Mark	Wood, Willie
Allenby, Robert	Flesch, Steve	Olazábal, José María	
Ames, Stephen	Frost, David	Pampling, Rod	<i>4 Event Qualifiers(4)</i>
Andrade, Billy	Funk, Fred	Parel, Scott	<b>81 Players in Field</b>
Austin, Woody	Furyk, Jim	Parnevik, Jesper	
Barron, Doug	Gillis, Tom	Pate, Steve	<b>Alternates</b>
Beckman, Cameron	Goosen, Retief	Pavin, Corey	Jones, Steve
Beem, Rich	Goydos, Paul	Pernice Jr., Tom	Brooks, Mark
Bertsch, Shane	Haas, Jay	Perry, Kenny	Forsman, Dan
Broadhurst, Paul	Herron, Tim	Petrovic, Tim	Armour III, Tommy
Browne, Olin	Huston, John	Pride, Dicky	Hart, Dudley
Byrum, Tom	Janzen, Lee	Quigley, Brett	Toledo, Esteban
Calcavecchia, Mark	Jobe, Brandt	Roberts, Loren	Franco, Carlos
Cejka, Alex	Jones, Kent	Sauers, Gene	Quinn, Fran
Choi, K.J.	Kelly, Jerry	Senden, John	Smith, Jerry
Clarke, Darren	Langer, Bernhard	Short, Jr., Wes	Gilbert III, Gibby
Daly, John	Leaney, Stephen	Singh, Vijay	Bradley, Michael
Dawson, Marco	Lehman, Tom	Sluman, Jeff	Riegger, John
Day, Glen	Love III, Davis	Sutherland, Kevin	Kresge, Cliff
Delsing, Jay +	Maggert, Jeff	Tanigawa, Ken	Goodes, Mike
DiMarco, Chris	Mayfair, Billy	Toms, David	Blake, Jay Don
Dodd, Stephen	McKenzie, David	Triplett, Kirk	
Duke, Ken	Mediate, Rocco	Waldorf, Duffy	
Dunlap, Scott	Mize, Larry	Weir, Mike	

\*The 2021 field for the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson includes four event qualifiers. The qualifying tournament will be held on Monday, September 6, at Spencer T. Olin Golf Course in Alton, IL.

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND BROADCAST TIMES** (*Note: Schedule times and events subject to change*)

**Thursday, September 9**

- Gates Open - 7:00 a.m.
- Pro Shop Open - 7:00 a.m.
- Official Tournament Pro-Am
  - Morning Tee Times: 7:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.
  - Afternoon Tee Times: 12:00 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.
- Accenture Youth Clinic—for Diversity Golf; First Tee of Greater St. Louis; and PGA REACH Gateway: 4:30 p.m. (driving range)

**Friday, September 10**

- Gates Open - 7:00 a.m.
- Pro Shop Open - 7:00 a.m.
- First Round Official Tournament Competition: Tee times begin at 7:55 a.m. (estimated)

**Broadcast**

**Golf Channel: 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 11**

- Gates Open - 7:00 am
- Pro Shop Open - 7:00 a.m.
- 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony presented by Schnucks - 7:00 a.m. (Norwood Hills flag pole)
- Second Round Official Tournament Competition: Tee times begin at 7:55 a.m. (estimated)
- Legends Charity Challenge presented by Worldwide Technology – featuring Jack Nicklaus, Tom Watson, Ozzie Smith and Frank Berube: 2:45 p.m. start (estimated) on the 10<sup>th</sup> tee following final tournament grouping

**Broadcast**

**Golf Channel: 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Sunday, September 12**

- Gates Open - 7:00 a.m.
- Pro Shop Open - 7:00 a.m.
- Final Round Official Tournament Competition: Tee times begin at 7:55 a.m. (estimated)
- Trophy Presentation Following Play

**Broadcast**

**Golf Channel: 2:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

The Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson will be one of the premier Regular Season events on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2021, which will give way to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs—a season-ending, three-tournament series used to determine the TOUR's season-long champion. Due to the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, PGA TOUR Champions has combined its tournaments in 2020 and 2021 to form one season, and the next Charles Schwab Cup champion will be crowned Nov. 11-14, 2021, at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship at Phoenix Country Club.

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All three rounds of the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson will be broadcast on Golf Channel. Internationally, telecasts air in more than 170 countries and territories, reaching at least 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV.

For more information about the Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson, including ticket, pro-am and hospitality availability, visit the Ascension Charity Classic website at [ascensioncharityclassic.com](http://ascensioncharityclassic.com). For the latest news and updates on social media, follow the tournament on Twitter at @ascensionccg, on Facebook at facebook.com/ascensioncharityclassic and Instagram at @ascensioncharityclassic.

#### **About Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson**

The Ascension Charity Classic presented by Emerson is an official event on the PGA TOUR Champions operated by Tournaments for Charity, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit entity. This 54-hole stroke play golf tournament features 81 PGA TOUR Champions professionals competing for a \$2 million purse at historic Norwood Hills Country Club in St. Louis, Missouri. The event is designed to showcase the best golf on the PGA TOUR Champions for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit local charities in the North St. Louis County area and beyond. All three official rounds will be internationally televised on the Golf Channel. For more information, visit [ascensioncharityclassic.com](http://ascensioncharityclassic.com).

#### **About Ascension**

Ascension is a faith-based healthcare organization dedicated to transformation through innovation across the continuum of care. As one of the leading non-profit and Catholic health systems in the U.S., Ascension is committed to delivering compassionate, personalized care to all, with special attention to persons living in poverty and those most vulnerable. In FY2020, Ascension provided \$2.4 billion in care of persons living in poverty and other community benefit programs. Ascension includes more than 160,000 associates and 40,000 aligned providers. The national health system operates more than 2,600 sites of care – including 146 hospitals and more than 40 senior living facilities – in 19 states and the District of Columbia, while providing a variety of services including clinical and network services, venture capital investing, investment management, biomedical engineering, facilities management, risk management, and contracting through Ascension’s own group purchasing organization.

#### **About Emerson**

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#### **About PGA TOUR Champions**

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers 50 and older, including 33 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. 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 in excess of 170 countries and territories, reaching more than 340 million potential households, and distributed in 15+ markets via GOLFTV. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at PGATOUR.com, at facebook.com/PGATOURChampions, on Twitter @ChampionsTour and on Instagram @pgatourchampions.

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