



## ***Seven Major Champions Highlight Impressive Early Field As Franklin Templeton Shootout Enters 17<sup>th</sup> Year***

**NAPLES, Fla. (September 2, 2005)** – Two-time defending champions **Jeff Sluman** and **Hank Kuehne** will return to Tiburon Golf Club November 9-13 and they will be met by a collection of the PGA TOUR's brightest stars as 15 players have already committed to the Franklin Templeton Shootout.

The field boasts seven major champions who have combined for 11 major titles. In addition to tournament host **Greg Norman's** two British Open victories and Sluman's triumph in the 1988 PGA Championship, the Shootout will feature **Nick Price**, owner of two Claret Jugs and a Wanamaker Trophy, two-time major winner **John Daly**, 1992 Masters Champion **Fred Couples**, 1995 PGA champion **Steve Elkington** and 1989 British Open champion **Mark Calcavecchia**.

Also among the early commitments to the 17<sup>th</sup> edition of the Shootout are **Kenny Perry**, twice a winner on the PGA TOUR this season, reigning PLAYERS Champion **Fred Funk** and **Adam Scott**, presently No. 7 in the Official World Golf Ranking.

Others who have indicated they will join in the effort to raise funds and awareness for CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation include **Stewart Cink**, **Scott Hoch**, **Scott McCarron** and **Ian Poulter**.

"This is shaping up to be another outstanding representation of the game's greatest talents," Norman said. "We are fortunate to have players that really want to join in our efforts for CureSearch, and they are genuinely excited about the event."

Sluman and Kuehne will attempt to become the first team in Shootout history to win three consecutive titles. A year ago, they became just the second team to successfully defend their title. Brad Faxon and McCarron managed that feat in 2000 and 2001.

Six of those who have committed will participate in The Presidents Cup in three weeks. Representing the United States team are Cink, Couples, Funk, Perry and Sluman, who will serve as Jack Nicklaus' assistant captain. Scott will be a member of the International Team.

Tickets for the \$2.6 million event will officially go on sale Tuesday, September 6. Orders can be placed three ways, calling 888-66-SHARK, visiting Alf's Golf Shop in Naples or going to [www.Shark.com](http://www.Shark.com).

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A Weekly Pass, which includes five individual daily tickets for Wednesday-Sunday action, is available for \$60. You can purchase a daily grounds ticket in advance for \$15 on Wednesday or Thursday and \$20 for Friday through Sunday. A limited number of reserved seats on Tiburón's 18th green are available for \$50 per day. Reserved seats are only available by calling 888-66-SHARK. Children 12 and under will be admitted free with a ticketed adult.

Also, for \$100, patrons can enjoy A Taste of WCI. This incredible offer includes one Weekly Grounds Ticket and allows you to play 10 of the finest courses in South Florida for cart fee only. It also makes you eligible for valuable discounts on Greg Norman Collection merchandise, reduced rates at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples, world-class instruction at the Rick Smith Golf Academy and frequent player rewards.

### **Alphabetical Listing of Participating Professionals**

Mark Calcavecchia  
Stewart Cink  
Fred Couples  
John Daly  
Steve Elkington

Fred Funk  
Scott Hoch  
Hank Kuehne  
Scott McCarron  
Greg Norman

Kenny Perry  
Ian Poulter  
Nick Price  
Adam Scott  
Jeff Sluman

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### **About CureSearch**

CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation proudly supports the collaborative research efforts of the world's largest and most prestigious childhood cancer research organization, CureSearch Children's Oncology Group. At more than 200 member institutions—representing every pediatric cancer program and treating 90% of children with cancer in North America—CureSearch is making rapid scientific progress to identify cancer causes and pioneer better treatments and cures. CureSearch is dedicated to reaching the day when every child with cancer can be guaranteed a cure. For more information visit [www.CureSearch.org](http://www.CureSearch.org) or call 800-458-6223

### **About Tiburon Golf Club**

Tiburon, a 36-hole Greg Norman-design course was carved from 800 acres of prime southwest Florida real estate. The courses reflect Norman's appreciation for pristine

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### **3-3-3 Major Champions Highlight Field**

natural settings and his passion for great golf. The Black and The Gold courses contain a combination of stacked sod-wall bunkers and tricky coquina waste bunkers. Certified as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary by Audubon International, Tiburon reflects a strong commitment to enhancing and protecting the natural resources.

#### **About The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples**

The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples is the proud recipient of AAA's highest honor: The Five-Diamond Award, establishing it as one of the greatest resorts in the country. The resort also scored an impressive ranking as the #1 resort in Florida in *Conde Nast Traveler* magazine's annual reader's poll and #3 in Florida by the readers of *Travel + Leisure* magazine. In the November 2004 issue of *Golf Digest* magazine, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort was ranked as the No. #1 luxury golf resort in Florida and No. #25 in North America, beating out some of the long-standing top golf resorts in the country. The 295-room resort is Florida's finest luxury golf resort and is renowned for its incredible cuisine, outstanding service and luxurious rooms with panoramic views of the Greg Norman-designed golf course.

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