



Ian Poulter Withdraws, Jason Gore In 17th Annual Franklin Templeton Shootout

NAPLES, Fla. (September 26, 2005) – **Ian Poulter** withdrew from the Franklin Templeton Shootout today and will be replaced by **Jason Gore**, winner of the 84 Lumber Classic two weeks ago. Gore will join 23 other players as the Shootout returns to Naples for the fifth consecutive year November 9-13.

Gore achieved global recognition during his performance at the U.S. Open this year when he shared the 36-hole lead and trailed by only three heading into the final round at Pinehurst.

He returned to the Nationwide Tour two weeks later and recorded a top-10 finish and then reeled off three straight victories—becoming the first player in Nationwide Tour history to win three straight starts and the seventh player to receive a three-victory promotion to the PGA TOUR. A month later, he won the 84 Lumber Classic on that Tour and earned a two-year exemption. He joins **Tim Herron** and **Fredrik Jacobson** as first-time participants in this year's Shootout.

"Jason emerged out of nowhere and gave the golf world a welcome breath of fresh air," tournament host Greg Norman said. "His personality and pure enjoyment of the game are just tremendous. He is a person that represents the true spirit of the Shootout and will be a welcome addition to this elite, 24-person field."

Other 2005 winners in the field include, **Olin Browne**, who captured the Deutsche Bank Championship Labor Day weekend for his third TOUR victory and **Mark Calcavecchia**, who won the following week at the Bell Canadian Open. **Kenny Perry** is a two-time winner on the PGA TOUR this season while **Fred Funk** is the reigning PLAYERS Champion. **Adam Scott** has won twice this year on two tours with a victory at the Nissan Open and another at the Singapore Open two weeks ago.

Loren Roberts has enjoyed a successful summer on the Champions Tour. He became eligible June 24 and a month later won the Jeld-Wen Tradition to claim his first major championship. **Peter Jacobsen** earned his second major on the Champions Tour with his victory at the Ford Senior Players Championship.

From last week's Presidents Cup, six participants will be coming to Naples—**Stewart Cink**, **Fred Couples**, **Funk**, **Perry**, **Scott** and captain assistant **Jeff Sluman**. Scott had the best overall record out of this group with a 3-1-1 record. However, **Fred Couples** enjoyed a key victory over **Vijay Singh** that aided in the United States' victory over Scott and The International squad.

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2005 Field In Alphabetical Order

Paul Azinger
Olin Browne
Mark Calcavecchia
Stewart Cink
Fred Couples
John Daly
Steve Elkington
Fred Funk
Jason Gore
Jay Haas
Tim Herron
Scott Hoch
Peter Jacobsen
Fredrik Jacobson
Hank Kuehne
Scott McCarron
Greg Norman
Mark O'Meara
Jesper Parnevik
Kenny Perry
Nick Price
Loren Roberts
Adam Scott
Jeff Sluman

Tickets for the \$2.6 million event are currently on sale and orders can be placed three ways: by calling 888-66-SHARK, visiting Alf's Golf Shop in Naples or going to www.Shark.com.

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.

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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 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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