



Pairings Set for 17th Annual Franklin Templeton Shootout *11 Teams Poised To Topple Sluman & Kuehne*

NAPLES, Fla. (October 3, 2005) – Tournament host **Greg Norman** has matched a collection of the hottest players on the PGA TOUR into powerful two-man teams in an effort to dethrone two-time defending champions **Hank Kuehne** and **Jeff Sluman** as the 17th annual Franklin Templeton Shootout returns to Tiburon Golf Club and The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples November 9-13.

For the fifth consecutive year, Southwest Florida golf fans and an international television audience will have the opportunity to watch some of the PGA TOUR's brightest stars battle it out for three days all while raising funds and awareness for CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation.

Kuehne and Sluman will be attempting to become the first team to win three consecutive Shootout titles. However, it will be a formidable task.

The impressive list of challengers includes: long-hitters **John Daly** and **Tim Herron**; Presidents Cup hero **Fred Couples** and young-gun **Adam Scott**; multiple major champions **Mark O'Meara** and **Nick Price**; Swedish friends **Fredrik Jacobson** and **Jesper Parnevik**; Players Champion **Fred Funk** and **Jason Gore**; Shootout veterans **Peter Jacobsen** and **Scott McCarron**; Ryder Cup teammates **Stewart Cink** and **Jay Haas**; **Scott Hoch** and **Kenny Perry**, who have combined for 20 PGA TOUR victories; 1993 PGA Champion **Paul Azinger** and **Olin Browne**; 2005 winners **Calcavecchia** and **Loren Roberts**.

Norman will partner with three-time Shootout champion **Steve Elkington**, who is making his 14th appearance in the event.

"It is about time we knock Kuehne and Sluman off the pedestal," Norman said. "I believe we have a number of teams capable of doing just that. Every year, I feel we are extremely fortunate to host an event that attracts so many of the game's best players, and this group once again promises to bring a great deal of excitement to Tiburon."

In September, Shootout participants won three straight PGA TOUR events. **Browne** started the impressive streak with a victory at the Deutsche Bank Championship. **Calcavecchia** captured the Bell Canadian Open and **Gore** followed with a win at the 84 Lumber Classic. In total, eight players in the Shootout field have won on either the PGA TOUR or Champions Tour this season.

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2-2-2 Franklin Templeton Shootout Pairings

Of the 24 professionals vying for their share of the record \$2.6 million purse, **Gore, Herron** and **Jacobson** are Franklin Templeton Shootout rookies.

The 2005 field consists of 12, two-man teams based on the following criteria: defending champions, top-three committing players from the 2005 PGA TOUR money list, top-10 committing players from the career money list and special exemptions.

This year's event will again feature an alternate-shot format during the first round, a better ball Saturday and a final-round scramble. USA Network will televise Friday's coverage and CBS will handle broadcasting duties over the weekend.

The Franklin Templeton Shootout was founded in 1989 as a result of Laura and Greg Norman's desire to raise money and awareness for children's charities and create a unique experience for PGA TOUR players.

Tickets are on sale now 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 Wednesday or Thursday and \$20 each for Friday through Sunday. A limited number of reserved seats on Tiburón's 18th green are available for \$50 per day. Reserved seats are available by calling 888-66-SHARK or visiting Shark.com. 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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3-3-3 Franklin Templeton Shootout Pairings



2005 Pairings

Greg Norman – Steve Elkington

Hank Kuehne – Jeff Sluman

John Daly – Tim Herron

Fred Couples – Adam Scott

Mark O’Meara – Nick Price

Fredrik Jacobson – Jesper Parnevik

Fred Funk – Jason Gore

Peter Jacobsen – Scott McCarron

Stewart Cink – Jay Haas

Scott Hoch – Kenny Perry

Paul Azinger – Olin Browne

Mark Calcavecchia – Loren Roberts

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4-4-4 Franklin Templeton Shootout Pairings

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About CureSearch NCCF

The CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundation (NCCF) represents the Children's Oncology Group (COG), the world's largest and most prestigious childhood cancer research organization, comprised of a cooperative team of over 5,000 physicians, nurses, scientists and researchers dedicated to discovery and compassionate cures. There are more than 200 member institutions of the COG throughout North America where over 90 percent of all children with cancer are treated. The CureSearch NCCF and the COG are committed to conquering childhood cancer and share the vision to reach the day when every child with cancer can be offered the chance for a cure. Visit - or call 800-458-6223 for more information.

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 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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