

TEE TO GREEN - AT&T CHAMPIONS CLASSIC VALENCIA COUNTRY CLUB

Tournament Week
March 12-18, 2007

Jim Colbert (2001); Tom Kite (2002, '06); Tom Purtzer (2003) and Des Smyth (2005).

TOURNAMENT WEEK



ALL EYES ON SANTA CLARITA

VALLEY: The focus of the Champions Tour comes north from Newport Beach to the Santa Clarita Valley for the **AT&T Champions Classic** at Valencia Country Club, one of the toughest tests on the tour. With a week-long series of events, including Pro-Am Tournaments on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 78 professionals will get Round One started on Friday, March 16, at 10:30 a.m. Players will be teeing off on the 1st and 10th tees each day in the 54-hole, \$1.6 million tournament.

HOT HAAS TAKES AIM AT AT&T

CHAMPIONS CLASSIC: **Jay Haas**, the reigning 2006 Champions Tour Player of the Year, won his first event of the 2007 season at Newport Beach Country Club, firing a tournament record 19-under, 194, to win the Toshiba Classic. He became the sixth different winner in six Champions Tour events this season. Haas opened the tournament with a 65 on Friday and came back with a 64 on Saturday and another 65 on Sunday to outdistance **R.W. Eaks**, who finished two shots back. **Ben Crenshaw** and **Joe Ozaki** finished tied for third at 13-under. For Crenshaw, it was his best finish ever on the Champions Tour, while Ozaki tied his career best Champions Tour performance. With his Top-10 finish, Ozaki earned a spot in this week's **AT&T Champions Classic**. **Peter Jacobsen**, one week after having laser back surgery, finished in a four-way tie for fifth, along with **Mark O'Meara**, **Denis Watson** and **Tom Purtzer**. For Haas, the win was his seventh Champions Tour victory of his career. So far this season, he has recorded four Top-5 finishes in six tournaments, including three second-place showings to lead the Charles Schwab Cup Points race. Haas made his initial appearance in the **AT&T Champions Classic** last year, finishing tied for 17th.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?: Since 1996, the first name of the player, or the name the player is commonly referred to, that has won the **AT&T Champions Classic** is three letters: Gil Morgan (1996, '97, 2004); Joe Inman (1998, '99, 2000);

TUESDAY ACTIVITIES: It's a busy week in the Santa Clarita Valley when the **AT&T Champions Classic** comes to town. While the professionals mix it up with amateur partners on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday in anticipation of their opening round on Friday, a number of other players will be trying to qualify for the event at TPC Valencia. The qualifier will bring eight players into the field of 78. While that is happening, **Andy Bean** and **Mark McCumber** will be attempting to hit different types of golf shots, and they won't be at a golf course. The two Champions Tour pros will join Six Flags Magic Mountain "golfers" Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Sylvester for the "Shot in the Park." The players will hit balls approximately 75 feet high up to a landing area on top of Lost Temple Rapids and hit balls through one of the loops on the Revolution roller coaster. The last event of Tuesday will be the Pro-Junior Champions Challenge at Valencia CC, featuring five groups of junior players from the Los Angeles area. The juniors, playing as threesomes, will team with a Champions Tour professional in a five-hole exhibition. The Pro-Junior Tournament gets started at 3:00 p.m.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Three players will celebrate birthdays during tournament week. **Andy Bean** will be celebrating his birthday on Tuesday while hitting balls at Magic Mountain, and **David Eger** will blow out candles on Saturday during the second round of the **AT&T Champions Classic**. **John Jacobs** will do the same on Sunday during the Final Round.

TOURNAMENT WEEK TICKET SALES:

Tickets are available for purchase during tournament week on site. A ticket sales booth is located at the Main Gate to Valencia CC off of Tournery Road. Tickets are \$15 Wednesday-Sunday or a weekly pass is available for \$50. Children 10 and under are free when accompanied by a paid adult. Parking is \$5 daily or \$10 for a weekly pass. Parking will be available Monday-Friday at Magic Mountain and Saturday and Sunday at College of the Canyons. Shuttle buses will bring guests from the parking areas to the course and back. The buses will run on Wednesday and Thursday from 6:15 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. and from 7:15 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Friday-Sunday. Admission gates open at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday and Thursday and 7:30 a.m. Friday-Sunday.