



Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic
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Alabama's Nick Saban to Play Thursday Pro-Am at Fallen Oak

Biloxi, Miss. (April 23) – University of Alabama head football coach Nick Saban will join professional golfer Jerry Pate and three other amateurs for a 9:15 a.m. tee time Thursday (April 27) in a Pro-Am team format at Fallen Oak in advance of the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic, which will start Friday and run through Sunday.

Saban, whose football team won the national collegiate title and posted a 14-0 record in 2009, will be joined by amateur partners Roy Anderson, Bobby Mandal and Bo Mandal. Pate, an Alabama alumnus, won the 1976 U.S. Open at Atlanta Athletic Club.

Professionals and amateurs will be paired in 52 teams each day for Pro-Am competitions on Wednesday and Thursday. All professionals in the field for the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic will play at least one of the two days. Tee times will run each day from 7:15 a.m. through 2:15 p.m.

The Pro-Ams days are open to the public with paid admission. Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster, from the Tournament office at (228) 896-6365 or at the gate for \$15 each. Tickets can be used any day of the tournament. All general parking will be staged at the IP Resort and Spa. Visit www.msgulfresortclassic.com for details and directions.

The Classic is one of 26 official events on the Champions Tour for 2010, and the field of 78 players will compete for the \$1.6 million purse and a \$240,000 first prize. Competitive rounds in the 54-hole event are set for Friday through Sunday. The benefiting charity of the tournament is Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Fallen Oak is the exclusive home course for the guests of Beau Rivage Resort and Casino. The Tom Fazio-designed course, which was opened in 2006, has earned 12 national honors and is ranked the second best gaming resort course in the country.

About the Champions Tour

Collectively, the Champions Tour has the most recognizable and accomplished players in the game with 16 World Golf Hall of Fame members actively competing in its events and numerous other major championship winners among its members. The Champions Tour is a tax-exempt membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older. Conceived in 1980 as the Senior PGA Tour, it started with just four events and purses totaling \$475,000. The Champions Tour will conduct 26 official Charles Schwab Cup events in 2010, offering \$51.5 million in official prize money, with the average tournament purse of \$1.98 million. The Champions Tour also generates significant monies for charity.

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This Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic is one of three new tournaments on the Champions Tour for 2010. It will be played April 28-May 2 at Fallen Oak. The tournament is uniquely funded by a dozen title sponsors, who see this event as an ideal way to showcase the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The tournament will be administered through the MGRC Foundation, Inc. The tournament will benefit Habitat for Humanity of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Inc.