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Spittle, Mason Lead Qualifying for Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic

Bay St. Louis, Miss. (April 26) – Rod Spittle made four birdies on his way to a 4-under-par 68 at The Bridges Golf Club to tie for medalist honors and earn one of the three qualifying spots remaining for this week's Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic at Fallen Oak. Seventy-eight golfers will compete in the new Champions Tour event that runs Friday through Sunday.

The 54-year-old Spittle earned his second start on the Champions Tour this year with straight drives and a steady putter. He had two birdies on each nine and never 3-putted.

Spittle shared low honors with James Mason. Robin Freeman won the third spot in a 3-for-1 playoff by making birdie from 15 feet on the second playoff hole.

"It was a pretty good day at the office," said Spittle. "If somebody would have told me before I started that I could have a 68 and stay put, I would have taken it. It was real windy from the start and I knew when I made the turn at 2 under I had a pretty good thing going."

In other tournament notes, Fulton Allen and Bruce Vaughan have replaced Ken Green and Dave Eichelberger in the field.

Tickets for the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic 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.



Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic Qualifier Results

68 (-4) – Rod Spittle, James Mason; 70 (-2) – *Robin Freeman, Terry Burke, Jay Don Blake; 71 (-1) – Jacob Ferenz; 73 (+1) – Jeff Klein, Kirk Hanefeld; 74 (+2) – Fred Holton, Lee Chill, Ted Schulz, John Adams, Tse-Chung Chen, Javier Sanchez, Trevor Dodds; 75 (+3) – Stan Stopa; 76 (+4) – Jim Karr, Chien-Soon Lu, Robert Thompson; 78 (+6) – Mark Johnson; 79 (+7) – Quinn Griffing, Brad Stormon, Mike Lawrence; 80 (+8) – John Ross; 82 (+10) – Dick Mast

*-- won spot in playoff

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.

About the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic

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.