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**WENDY'S  
3TOUR  
CHALLENGE**

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **WHO**

#### WENDY'S 3TOUR CHALLENGE

*Now celebrating its 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary, the Wendy's 3Tour Challenge, benefiting adoption, is the only professional golf tournament that pits three players from the PGA TOUR, LPGA Tour and Champions Tour against each other in a head-to-head competition for tour bragging rights and a share of the \$1 million purse.*

### **WHAT**

#### CHAMPIONS TOUR TEAM ANNOUNCEMENT

FRED FUNK, BERNHARD LANGER and TOM LEHMAN

**FRED FUNK** is one of the most recognizable names and personalities in golf. He has recorded eight PGA TOUR and eight Champions Tour victories in a professional career that has spanned more than 20 years. Funk became eligible to participate on the Champions Tour in July of 2006 and that same month finished tied for 11<sup>th</sup> in his first event at the *U.S. Senior Open*. Three months and two starts later he recorded his first victory at the *AT&T Championship*. He continues to compete on both Tours, logging five starts so far on the 2012 PGA TOUR schedule. His last TOUR win came in 2007 at the *Mayakoba Golf Classic* where he became the fifth oldest champion in PGA TOUR history, and the oldest since 1975. In 20 Champions Tour starts so far this year, Funk is currently ranked No. 6 in Charles Schwab Cup Points and No. 4 on the Champions Tour money list with more than \$1.2 million in earnings. Funk is ranked No. 1 in Driving Accuracy Percentage (80%) and has posted eight top-10 finishes so far in 2012, including victories at the *Insperty Championship presented by United Healthcare* and last week's *Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn*. He has been a member of two Presidents Cup teams (2003 and 2005) and one Ryder Cup team (2004). This will be Funk's fourth Wendy's 3Tour Challenge appearance (2007, 2008 and 2009), all as a member of the Champions Tour team. His 2008 squad with Jay Haas and Nick Price recorded the sixth-career Wendy's 3Tour victory for the Champions Tour.

**BERNHARD LANGER** has been one of the most dominant players on the Champions Tour over the past five years. He recorded his first Champions Tour victory in 2007 in just his fourth career start at the *Administaff Small Business Classic* and has since won a staggering 16 times. His 16 career victories are more than any other player since October, 2007. In 2010, in route to his first Charles Schwab Cup title, Langer became the first Champions Tour player to win the Jack Nicklaus Trophy (Player of the Year) and Arnold Palmer Award (leading money-winner) three consecutive years. He hit a small speed bump in 2011 when he was sidelined from late March to mid June due to left-thumb surgery, only competing in 14 events that year. Now fully healthy, Langer is currently atop the money list again in 2012 with more than \$1.8 million in earnings. In addition, he is ranked No. 1 in Charles Schwab Cup points and Constellation Energy SPC points as well as top-10 finishes with a remarkable

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15 out of the 18 events he has entered. The German native has recorded two victories so far this year to go with four runner-up finishes. Since turning professional in 1972 the World Golf Hall of Fame member has recorded 78 victories worldwide, including the 1985 and 1993 Masters Tournaments. Langer was a member of 10 European Ryder Cup teams between 1981 and 2002 before adding a captaincy to his resume in 2004 when he led the European team to victory at *Oakland Hills*. Langer will be competing in his second Wendy's 3Tour Challenge this November at Rio Secco Golf Club in Henderson, Nevada.

**TOM LEHMAN** will be making his third Wendy's 3Tour Challenge appearance (1997 and 1999) next month and first start as a member of the Champions Tour team. He recorded a victory for the PGA TOUR with teammates Fred Couples and Phil Mickelson in his 1997 3Tour debut. Lehman has recorded five PGA TOUR titles since turning professional in 1982, including the 1996 *British Open Championship*. He is a former U.S. Ryder Cup captain (2006) and three-time player (1995, 1997 and 1999) to go with three Presidents Cup appearances (1994, 1996 and 2000). He joined the Champions Tour in 2009 and won right out of the gate (with teammate Bernhard Langer) at the *Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf*. His victory at this year's *Regions Tradition* gave Lehman his sixth Champions Tour title and 36<sup>th</sup> career top-10 finish in just 60 starts. He won his first Champions Tour major title in 2010 at the *Senior PGA Championship* and the following year racked up three wins and 12 top-10 finishes in route to his first Charles Schwab Cup Points title. In 2011 he also won the Jack Nicklaus Trophy (Player of the Year) and Arnold Palmer Award (leading money-winner). Lehman picked up his 2012 season right where he left off, recording 10 top-10 finishes with a victory and three runner-up finishes to date. He is currently ranked No. 2 in Charles Schwab Cup Points and No. 3 on the money list with more than \$1.4 million. In addition, Lehman currently holds the top Champions Tour ranking in Green in Regulation Percentage (77.78%) and Total Driving.

### **WHERE**

#### RIO SECCO GOLF CLUB

*Gracefully draped across 240 acres in the foothills of the Black Mountain Range and located 15 miles from the Las Vegas Strip, Rio Secco Golf Club is renowned for its world-class golf experience and acclaimed Butch Harmon School of Golf. The 7,318-yard, par 72 course was named in USA Today newspaper among the "Top Ten Golf Destinations in the World." Offering instruction for newcomers and professionals alike, The Butch Harmon School of Golf is famed for working with such talents as Tiger Woods, Greg Norman, Ernie Els, Phil Mickelson, Stewart Cink, Dustin Johnson and Natalie Gulbis. Located in Henderson, Nevada, Rio Secco is a Caesars Entertainment golf destination. Other Caesars Entertainment golf courses are: Grand Bear, in Biloxi, Mississippi; The Links at Cottonwoods, in Tunica, Mississippi; the historic Atlantic City Country Club, in Atlantic City, New Jersey; Chariot Run, in Laconia, Indiana; Cascata, in Boulder City, Nevada; and Caesars Golf Macau. More information about Rio Secco Golf Club is available online at [www.riosecco.net](http://www.riosecco.net) ; Ph (702) 777-2400.*

### **WHEN**

NOVEMBER 13, 2012 - GENERAL ADMISSION IS **FREE**  
NETWORK TELEVISION PREMIERE AIR DATE & TIME - DECEMBER 10, 2012 AT 8PM EST  
TELECAST AIRED EXCLUSIVELY ON **GOLF CHANNEL**

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**WHY**

TO RAISE CHARITY DOLLARS FOR WENDY'S 3TOUR CHALLENGE  
PRIMARY BENEFICIARY, DAVE THOMAS FOUNDATION FOR ADOPTION

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*The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption is a national nonprofit public charity dedicated exclusively to finding permanent homes for the more than 134,000 children waiting in North America's foster care systems. Created by Wendy's® founder Dave Thomas, who was adopted, the Foundation implements evidence-based, results-driven national service programs, foster care adoption awareness campaigns and advocacy initiatives. To learn more, visit [davethomasfoundation.org](http://davethomasfoundation.org) or call 1-800-ASK-DTFA.*

**HOW**

General Admission to the Wendy's 3Tour Challenge is **FREE**

For information regarding golf and social event packages please visit [www.wendys3tour.com](http://www.wendys3tour.com)

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