

FIELD SET FOR 2009 GREATER HICKORY CLASSIC AT ROCK BARN PRESENTED BY KIA MOTORS

CONOVER, NC – Past Masters champion Larry Mize and Bob Tway, who is currently competing on both the PGA TOUR and the PGA TOUR's Champions Tour, have joined the list of pros in the official field for the Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors. Champions Tour pros had until 5:00 p.m. today to enter the event, which takes place Sept. 14-20 at Rock Barn Golf & Spa in Conover, NC.

The tournament also extends "happy birthday" wishes to David Frost, a ten-time PGA TOUR winner who turns 50 today and will make his Champions Tour debut at Rock Barn Golf & Spa next week.

Frost, Mize and Tway join one of the tournament's strongest fields to date. The 78 pros expected to compete here next week collectively represent four World Golf Hall of Fame memberships, 25 PGA TOUR majors, 373 PGA TOUR wins, 38 Champions Tour majors, 318 Champions Tour wins, and 26 of the top 30 on the Champions Tour's season money list.

The 2009 Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors field also includes the following:

\*Seven current top ten Charles Schwab Cup points leaders, including Fred Funk, Larry Mize, John Cook, Mark McNulty, Joey Sindelar, Jeff Sluman, and Mike Reid.

\*Seven current top ten money leaders, including Fred Funk, Jeff Sluman, Joey Sindelar, Mark McNulty, Gene Jones, Larry Mize, and John Cook.

\*Nine current-season official tournament winners, including Reidsville, N.C., native Mike Goodes, Dan Forsman, Keith Fergus (a two-time winner this season), Nick Price, Mark McNulty, Lonnie Nielsen, Fred Funk, Mike Reid, and Jeff Sluman.

\*Several players with North Carolina ties, including Chip Beck, David Eger, Bruce Fleisher, Mike Goodes, Walter Hall, Leonard Thompson, and Jim Thorpe.

\*Past tournament champions Andy Bean (2006), Jay Haas (2005), Craig Stadler (2003), and R.W. Eaks (2007 & 2008).

Additional field notes:

\*Sponsor exemptions have been awarded to Keith Clearwater, Gibby Gilbert, John Harris, Mark Johnson, and Steve Thomas.

\*Notable pros Peter Jacobsen and Dana Quigley have withdrawn from the event for health reasons.

\*Four additional players will join the field following the PGA Carolinas open qualifier Monday, Sept. 14, on the Jackson Course at Rock Barn Golf & Spa.

An official commitment list follows at the end of this release.

Tournament Tickets:

Daily tickets and weekly badges for the 2009 Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors are available from more than 50 participating charities, who will receive one hundred percent of the proceeds from daily and weekly ticket sales. Tickets and ticket packages may also be ordered by calling 1-866-ROCK-BARN (1-866-762-5227), visiting [www.greaterhickoryclassic.com](http://www.greaterhickoryclassic.com) or stopping by the tournament office at Rock Barn Golf & Spa. Online and call-in ticket buyers may choose which participating charity will benefit from their purchase. A full list of charities is available on the tournament website.

About the Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors:  
The Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors features a week's worth of special events and attractions, including exhibitions, pro-ams, and three days of Champions Tour competition among some of golf's greatest legends. The tournament returns to Rock Barn Golf & Spa in Conover September 14-20, 2009. Operated by a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit foundation, the tournament annually donates all net proceeds to charities throughout the Catawba Valley area. Tournament partners include Anheuser-Busch; BB&T; Charter Communications; Corning Cable Systems; Crowne Plaza - Hickory; Draka; Duke Energy; EMBARQ; GDS/Republic Service; Greater Hickory Metro; Hickory Daily Record; Hickory Printing Group; Kia Motors America; Pepsi; Rock Barn Golf & Spa; SYSCO; and Zenith Global Logistics Solutions. For more information, call (828) 459-4000 or visit [www.greaterhickoryclassic.com](http://www.greaterhickoryclassic.com).

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...Official Field List Follows...

OFFICIAL FIELD: 2009 Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn Presented by Kia Motors

Fulton Allem  
Andy Bean  
Chip Beck  
Ronnie Black  
Phil Blackmar  
Olin Browne  
Brad Bryant  
Keith Clearwater  
Russ Cochran  
Jim Colbert  
John Cook  
Jim Dent  
Allen Doyle  
R.W. Eaks  
David Eger  
Dave Eichelberger  
Keith Fergus  
Bruce Fleisher  
Dan Forsman  
David Frost  
Fred Funk  
Gibby Gilbert  
Bob Gilder

Mike Goodes  
Jay Haas  
Walter Hall  
John Harris  
Morris Hatalsky  
Scott Hoch  
Mike Hulbert  
Mark James  
Tom Jenkins  
Mark Johnson  
Gene Jones  
Tom Kite  
Wayne Levi  
Bruce Lietzke  
Sandy Lyle  
James Mason  
Blaine McCallister  
Mike McCullough  
Mark McNulty  
Larry Mize  
Gil Morgan  
John Morse  
Larry Nelson  
Lonnie Nielsen  
Joe Ozaki  
Jerry Pate  
Don Pooley  
Nick Price  
Tom Purtzer  
Mike Reid  
Jay Sigel  
Scott Simpson  
Tim Simpson  
Joey Sindelar  
Jeff Sluman  
J.C. Snead  
Craig Stadler  
Bruce Summerhays  
Hal Sutton  
Steve Thomas  
Leonard Thompson  
Jim Thorpe  
Lee Trevino  
Bob Tway  
Bruce Vaughan  
Bobby Wadkins  
Lanny Wadkins  
Tom Wargo  
Denis Watson  
D.A. Weibring  
Mark Wiebe  
4 Open Qualifiers

78 Players in Field

Alternates:

Hallberg, Gary

McKnight, Tom

Thompson, Robert L.

Blake, Jay Don

Hanefeld, Kirk

Ogrin, David

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