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DAVID BERGANIO AND ROBERT GAMEZ RECEIVE SPONSOR EXEMPTIONS TO 2019 COLOGUARD CLASSIC

Tucson, Ariz. (February 12, 2019) – The Tucson Conquistadores and title sponsor Cologuard announced today that former University of Arizona golfers David Berganio, Jr. and Robert Gamez will receive sponsor exemptions to play in the 2019 Cologuard Classic, to be played February 27-March 3, 2019 at Omni Tucson National's Catalina Course.

Berganio, who turned 50 in January, will be playing in his first PGA TOUR Champions event. The former University of Arizona star turned professional in 1993 and has three professional wins on his resume, all on the former Nationwide, current Web.com Tour. His best finish on the PGA TOUR came at the 2002 Bob Hope Chrysler Classic, where he lost in a playoff to Phil Mickelson.

Gamez turned professional in 1989 and is a three-time PGA TOUR winner, including the 1990 Northern Telecom Tucson Open (played at Starr Pass Golf Club), the 1990 Nestle Invitational and the 2005 Valero Texas Open. In 2018, the 50-year-old Gamez played in seven PGA TOUR Champions events.

In addition to Berganio and Gamez, Hall-of-Fame pitcher John Smoltz also received a sponsor exemption into the Cologuard Classic. The tournament will award the final two sponsor exemptions in the coming weeks. Many of the top names on the PGA TOUR Champions have committed to play in the Cologuard Classic, including defending tournament champion Steve Stricker, Miguel Angel Jiménez, Jerry Kelly, Bernhard Langer, Scott McCarron, José María Olazábal and Darren Clarke.

The 2019 Cologuard Classic will be played February 27 – March 3 at Omni Tucson National Resort and features a 78-player field competing for a \$1.7 million purse with \$255,000 and 255 Charles Schwab Cup points for the winner. The no-cut format includes three days of competition (Friday-Sunday) with players participating in pro-am events on Wednesday and Thursday. Tournament proceeds benefit youth athletic programs in Southern Arizona and colorectal cancer research and advocacy. For more information or tournament tickets, visit www.cologuardclassic.com.

2019 marks the second year of the Cologuard Classic, named after Wisconsin-based Exact Sciences' noninvasive at-home colon cancer screening test for average-risk individuals 50 years or older, and the fifth year the Conquistadores have partnered with the PGA TOUR Champions. To coincide with the kickoff of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, tournament week will feature numerous events to raise awareness for the disease.

ABOUT COLOGUARD

Cologuard is intended for the qualitative detection of colorectal neoplasia associated DNA markers and for the presence of occult hemoglobin in human stool. A positive result may indicate the presence of colorectal cancer (CRC) or advanced adenoma (AA) and should be followed by diagnostic colonoscopy. Cologuard is indicated to screen adults of either sex, 50 years or older, who are at typical average-risk for CRC. Cologuard is not a replacement for diagnostic colonoscopy or surveillance colonoscopy in high risk individuals.

Cologuard is not for high risk individuals, including those with a history of colorectal cancer and advanced adenoma, a family history of colorectal cancer, IBD or certain hereditary syndromes. Positive Cologuard results should be referred to diagnostic colonoscopy. A negative Cologuard test result does not guarantee absence of cancer or advanced adenoma. Following a negative result, patients should continue participating in a screening program at an interval and with a method appropriate for the individual patient. Cologuard performance when used for repeat testing has not been evaluated or established. Rx only.

ABOUT PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older, including 32 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Tour's mission is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities. In 2019, the PGA TOUR Champions schedule includes 27 tournaments across the United States, Japan, England and Canada, with purses totaling nearly \$58 million. The Charles Schwab Cup, which includes the Regular Season and the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, is used to determine the season-long champion. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air in excess of 190 countries and territories, reaching more than 350 million potential households. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at PGATOUR.com, at facebook.com/PGATOURChampions, on Twitter [@ChampionsTour](https://twitter.com/ChampionsTour) and on Instagram [@pgatourchampions](https://instagram.com/pgatourchampions).

ABOUT THE TUCSON CONQUISTADORES

The Tucson Conquistadores are the host organization of the PGA TOUR Champions' Cologuard Classic. Since their inception in 1962, the Conquistadores have contributed more than \$35 million to youth athletic programs in Southern Arizona. The Conquistadores have an active membership of up to 60 business and community professionals and a total membership of 209 who represent a cross-section of the Tucson community. In addition to their professional golf activities, the group has established the Tucson Conquistadores Foundation. Key beneficiaries of the Conquistadores' fund-raising efforts include: The First Tee of Tucson; Tucson and Pima County Junior Golf Programs; the Field of Dreams/Challenger Little League sports complex; Boys and Girls Clubs in Tucson, Sierra Vista and Nogales; Pima County Special Olympics; Educational Enrichment Foundation; and the YMCA.

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