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BERNHARD LANGER WITHDRAWS FROM COLOGUARD CLASSIC

Tucson, Ariz. (February 27, 2019) – World Golf Hall of Fame member Bernhard Langer withdrew from the Cologuard Classic on Wednesday morning, citing a recent injury to his rib and stomach area.

“It happened last Wednesday at home, practicing. I didn’t practice much after that, just chipping and putting,” said Langer. “I had some treatment and took some medication and I thought it was getting better, and when I got here yesterday, I got even more treatment and was able to play eight holes. Then on the ninth fairway I re-injured it again. When I talked to my doctor, he advised that I not play the next several days to allow it to heal.”

Langer described the injury as an “open wound” that could continue to re-tear with the rigors endured through the golf swing and at impact.

“I was hopeful the injury would feel better by today, but unfortunately that has not been the case,” said the 61-year-old. “I’ve always enjoyed competing at the Cologuard Classic and spending time at Omni Tucson National Resort, and I wish all my peers the best of luck this week.”

The 39-time PGA TOUR Champions winner entered the week at No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings following a win at the Oasis Championship earlier this month. In four career starts at the Cologuard Classic, Langer posted three top-10 finishes, including back-to-back third-place efforts in 2016 and 2017.

In conjunction with the withdrawal, PGA TOUR Champions officials cancelled Langer’s pre-tournament press conference on Thursday. He was replaced in the field with Fran Quinn, Jr.

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.

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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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