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2009 Champion Steve Stricker

## Tournament and Major Winners Top Early Colonial Commitment List

**Fort Worth, Texas (March 1, 2010)** – Nearly half the field for the 2010 Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial is set, and many top PGA TOUR champions will be chasing the tournament’s Leonard Trophy and \$6.2 million purse. World #2 and defending champion Steve Stricker heads the list, and will face 2009 British Open champion Stewart Cink and 2009 U.S. Open champion Lucas Glover, among many others.

Already committing early to the tradition-rich championship are 2010 winners Stricker, Dustin Johnson, Ian Poulter, Ben Crane, Ryan Palmer, Hunter Mahan and Cameron Beckman. 2009 tournament winners and other top players already in the field include: Justin Leonard, Jim Furyk, Sean O’Hair, Kenny Perry, Rory Sabbatini, Nathan Green, David Toms, John Rollins and Brian Gay. Colonial expects another sizable group of European and International Presidents Cup team members to compete in Fort Worth this year. Young rising stars Rickie Fowler and Michael Sim are also scheduled to compete. About 120 total players are expected to play in the event.

Steve Stricker won the Crowne Plaza Invitational at Colonial in 2009 after a dramatic chip-in birdie on the 71st hole that propelled him into a sudden-death playoff, which he won on the second hole. It was his fifth career win at the time, but he has won three times since, including this year’s Northern Trust Open. He finished second on the 2009 money list, and is currently second in this year’s FedExCup standings.

Perry and Sabbatini have both won at Colonial in recent years, while Leonard, Furyk, Toms and Gay have all finished second here. Furyk was in a three-man sudden-death playoff in 2007 with Sabbatini and Bernhard Langer, and has finished in the top 10 five other times, including second place in 1998. Leonard placed second in 2003, including a course record-tying 61, and has four other top ten finishes at Colonial.

Hospitality and Monday Pro-Am packages are on sale now, and public tickets go on sale March 1. For more information, visit [www.CrownePlazaInvitational.com](http://www.CrownePlazaInvitational.com) or call the Colonial Ticket Office at 817.927.4280. One-day tickets for any day, Wednesday through Sunday, are \$45 each. A \$15 one-day Youth Ticket for young teens will also be available. Children 12 and under are admitted free of charge. Grounds passes good for the entire week cost \$100.

**The full list of 57 current commitments:**

Byeong-Hun An *	Jonathan Byrd	Jason Dufner	Nathan Green
Woody Austin	Stewart Cink	David Duval	Charley Hoffman
Briny Baird	Tim Clark	Steve Flesch	Dustin Johnson
Cameron Beckman	Keith Clearwater	Rickie Fowler	Jerry Kelly
Jason Bohn	Ben Crane	Jim Furyk	Jeff Klauk
Michael Bradley	Brian Davis	Brian Gay	Marc Leishman
Mark Brooks	Jason Day	Lucas Glover	Justin Leonard

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### *The list of 57 early commitments continued:*

Hunter Mahan	John Rollins
Troy Matteson	Rory Sabbatini
George McNeill	John Senden
Jeev Milkha Singh	Michael Sim
Ryan Moore	Heath Slocum
Kevin Na	Brandt Snedeker
Sean O'Hair	Kyle Stanley
Ryan Palmer	Steve Stricker
Rod Pampling	Kevin Sutherland
Kenny Perry	Vaughn Taylor
Tim Petrovic	David Toms
D. A. Points	Bo Van Pelt
Ian Poulter	Charlie Wi
Alex Prugh	Mark Wilson
Brett Quigley	

\*U.S. Amateur champion

Player commitments are  
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