

## 2011 British Champ Clarke Among Boeing Classic Commits

SEATTLE (August 1) – The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Boeing Classic will feature a stellar cast of international players, including the PGA TOUR Champions debut of former British Open champion Darren Clarke.

Clarke, a Northern Ireland native who becomes eligible with his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 14, won the 2011 Open Championship at Royal St. George's at age 42 – the tournament's oldest victor in 44 years. He finished 5-under par, three strokes ahead of Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson.

“We truly have a world-class field coming to the Boeing Classic,” stated Boeing Classic Executive Director Brian Flajole. “They come from all around the world to play here, and the fact that Darren Clarke has chosen to make this his debut event makes it all the more exciting.”

In all, Clarke owns three PGA TOUR wins and 15 worldwide, and he was the European Ryder Cup captain in 2016.

Among the other international players who have committed to the Boeing Classic are World Golf Hall of Famers Bernhard Langer and Vijay Singh.

The Boeing Classic will be played at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge from August 24-26. Jerry Kelly is the defending champion and current PGA TOUR Champions leader in the Charles Schwab Cup rankings.

Langer has made himself at home on The Ridge, winning Boeing Classic titles in 2010 and 2016, and altogether the German has racked up 37 PGA TOUR Champions victories, including one this season.

Singh owns two PGA TOUR Champions wins this season. His first major victory came at nearby Sahalee Country Club, where he won the 1998 PGA Championship. Among his other 34 PGA TOUR wins were 2004 Masters and 2004 PGA.

In addition to Clarke, Langer and Singh, Spain's Miguel Ángel Jiménez and Paul Broadhurst of England return to Snoqualmie Ridge. Jiménez won the British Senior Open July 29 by one stroke over Langer, and he is No. 2 in Charles Schwab Cup rankings. This season, Broadhurst won the Senior PGA Championship May 27.

For Boeing Classic tickets and more information, visit [BoeingClassic.com](http://BoeingClassic.com).

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Boeing Classic is a PGA (Professional Golf Association) TOUR Champions event. Now in its fourteenth year, the charitable event has raised nearly \$7 million over the last 13 years in support of Virginia Mason Foundation-funded health initiatives, like Benaroya Research Institute. For more information, visit [BoeingClassic.com](http://BoeingClassic.com).

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The Boeing Company, Washington's largest private employer, has been the title sponsor of this tournament since it began in 2005. Nearly half of Boeing's global workforce is in Washington state and Boeing Classic is part of the company's ongoing commitment to giving back to the communities where its employees live and work. For more information, visit [Boeing.com/Washington](http://Boeing.com/Washington).

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