



Naples Resident Rocco Mediate to Make ACE Group Classic Debut

Elkington, Bryant, Waldorf and Sauers also scheduled to appear, pro-am sweepstakes and Fifth Third Bank Sunday announced

NAPLES, FL (JAN 29, 2013) – Naples resident Rocco Mediate and fellow Champions Tour professionals Steve Elkington, Bart Bryant, Duffy Waldorf and Gene Sauers will make their ACE Group Classic debuts next month at TwinEagles Feb 12-17.

“Obviously it’s great to have a local favorite with Rocco committing to the event,” said Tournament Director Lesley Baker, “But were also looking forward to having the rest of this rookie class take on The Talon at TwinEagles against a field with loaded with Hall of Famers and major champions.”

Mediate, a member of the Calusa Pines Golf Club has six PGA TOUR wins to his credit. His best finish at a major came at the 2008 U.S. Open where he battled with eventual champion Tiger Woods through 18 playoff holes, finally bested by Woods in the first hole of sudden-death, the 91st hole of the tournament.

Both Mediate and Elkington have had success in Naples—each have won the Franklin Templeton Shark Shootout—Elkington claimed victories in the team event in ’93, ’95 and ’98 while Mediate won in 2002. Elkington is a 10-time champion with victories at the 1991 and 1997 PLAYERS as well as the 1995 PGA Championship.

Waldorf and Sauers joined the Champions Tour in August of last year while Bryant turned 50 in November. Together they account for 10 PGA TOUR victories.

Seeing some of golf’s greatest names up close is a trademark of the Champions Tour and for the first-time ever, The ACE Group Classic will award one lucky fan a playing spot in the official pro-am where they will get to play with a Tour pro. To enter to win visit the tournament’s Facebook page, [Facebook.com/ACEGroupClassic](https://www.facebook.com/ACEGroupClassic).

Tournament officials have also announced that fans will be able to enjoy Sunday, Feb. 17 at TwinEagles for free as Fifth Third Bank returns as the official final round sponsor. All Fifth Third Bank ATM or credit card holders will receive free admission on by presenting their card at the main gate on Fifth Third Bank Sunday.

Daily tickets (valid any one day Tuesday – Sunday) for \$25, as well as individual week-long grounds passes (valid Tuesday – Sunday) for \$50 are available for purchase. Children 17 and under are admitted free all week with a ticketed adult.

All ticket options and parking passes are available online at www.acegroupclassic.com or by calling (239) 593-3900.

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About The TwinEagles Club

TwinEagles is conveniently located just 6 miles east of I-75 off Immokalee Road in Naples. Additional information on this premier community and club can be found at: www.twineagles.com.

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