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## **Seattle native Fred Couples will play in 2010 Boeing Classic**

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Fred Couples has announced he will compete in the 2010 Boeing Classic.

The Seattle native was twice named the PGA Tour Player of the Year and won the 1992 Masters Tournament — one of the PGA's four “grand slam” tournaments.

This year will be Couples' first on the PGA Champions Tour, which consists of golfers 50 and older.



Photo courtesy PGA Fred Couples, a Seattle-area native, will play in the Boeing Classic.

The 2010 Boeing Classic is scheduled for Aug. 23-29 at TPC Snoqualmie Ridge.

“The Boeing Classic...I hope to play every single year, even if I'm 60 or so and hacking it around, because I grew up there,” said Couples, who learned to play golf at Seattle's Jefferson Park golf course.

Couples has already had great success on the Champions Tour, winning three of his first four tournaments. He also finished sixth in this year's Masters Tournament.

Boeing Classic organizers have long anticipated Couples' arrival.

“Since the inception of the Boeing Classic, we looked ahead to 2010, knowing that Fred Couples would turn 50 and likely join the Champions Tour, and it was always our hope that he would not only come here to play, but lend his name and his notoriety to increasing the awareness and impact of this event,” said Michelle DeLancy, the tournament's director.

To help boost the money the event raises for charity, amateur golfers will be able to bid to be paired with Couples during the event's two-day pro-am competition. The money raised will go to the Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason.

In the past six years, the Boeing Classic has raised more than \$2.9 million for local charities.

Other notable players committed to the 2010 tournament include the defending champion Loren Roberts, two-time winner Tom Kite, Jay Haas and Bernhard Langer.

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