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## WEBB SIMPSON, STEWART CINK, CARL PETTERSSON, NICOLAS COLSAERTS, KYLE STANLEY, AND J.J. HENRY COMMIT TO THE 2013 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP

**HARTFORD, Conn., May 30, 2013** – The <u>Travelers Championship field</u> continues to get stronger, as Webb Simpson, Stewart Cink, Carl Pettersson, Nicolas Colsaerts, Kyle Stanley, and J.J. Henry have all committed to play at TPC River Highlands for New England's first PGA TOUR event of the season, which takes place from June 17 to 23.

"Webb, Stewart, Carl, Nicolas, Kyle, and J.J. are major additions to our field, which is getting stronger by the day," said Travelers Championship Tournament Director Nathan Grube. "Many of these players have rich histories at our tournament, and our fans will be thrilled to see them back at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Connecticut."

**Webb Simpson** is currently No. 12 in the FedExCup Rankings, and No. 17 in the Official World Golf Rankings (OWGR). Simpson has a special history with the Travelers Championship, having been given a sponsor's exemption in 2008. Since turning professional that year, Simpson has become one of the best golfers on TOUR, earning three victories, four second-place finishes and 28 top-10 finishes, with his most notable victory coming at the 2012 U.S. Open. Simpson will be making his sixth appearance at TPC River Highlands, where he has finished in the top-30 in three of his last four appearances.

**Stewart Cink**, who won the Travelers Championship in 1997 and 2008, will be making his 13th appearance at the tournament and first since 2010. Cink has had a very successful career, winning six times on TOUR, finishing in the top-3 25 times, and winning the 2009 Open Championship. Cink has also shown tremendous consistency throughout his career, having finished in the top-25 205 times out of 438 events played. Off the course, Cink has become a social media maven, with more than 1.1 million followers on Twitter.

**Carl Pettersson** will be making his seventh appearance at TPC River Highlands, and first since 2011. The Swedish golfer has five TOUR victories, four second-place finishes, two third-place finishes, 45 top-10s, and nearly \$20 million in TOUR earnings. Last year, Pettersson had his best major finish, earning a tied for third place at the PGA Championship. He is currently No. 40 in the OWGR.

Hailing from Belgium, **Nicolas Colsaerts** will be making his first appearance at the Travelers Championship. Nicknamed The Belgian Bomber, Colsaerts has had great success internationally, winning four times, including a victory at the European Tour's 2012 World Match Play Championship. Colsaerts was also a captain's pick for Europe's victorious 2012 Ryder Cup Team. While he hasn't played much on TOUR, he has increased his play in the United States recently. In only 21 TOUR events, Colsaerts has four top-10 and six top-25 finishes including his best finish at a major, tying for seventh in the Open Championship in 2012, and earning two top-10 and three top-25 finishes in 10 events in 2013. He is currently No. 45 in the OWGR.

**Kyle Stanley** is a tournament favorite, having made his professional debut at the Travelers Championship in 2009, and finishing in the top 20 that year. This will be Stanley's fourth appearance at TPC River Highlands. In his short career, he has one win, eight top-10 and 21 top-25 finishes. This season, Stanley has two top-10 and three top-25 finishes. He is currently No. 60 in the FedExCup Rankings.

**J.J. Henry** is a fan-favorite in Connecticut, having grown up in Fairfield, and winning at TPC River Highlands in 2006. He's coming to Cromwell for the 15th time and making his 12th straight appearance. In his career, Henry has two wins, five second-place, three third-place, and 33 top-10 finishes, which has earned him more than \$13 million in TOUR earnings. The New England area is very important to Henry, as his Henry House Foundation supports community-based programs that focus on the healthcare and well-being of children in the Southern New England region.





Simpson, Cink, Pettersson, Colsaerts, Stanley, and Henry join a field that already includes top players such as Bubba Watson, Hunter Mahan, Keegan Bradley, Justin Rose, Lee Westwood, Rickie Fowler, Ian Poulter, Zach Johnson, and reigning champion Marc Leishman. Tickets for the tournament, which will take place from June 17 to 23 at TPC River Highlands in Cromwell, Conn., are on sale now at <u>www.TravelersChampionship.com</u>.

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## About the Travelers Championship

As the only PGA TOUR event in the Northeast in early summer, the Travelers Championship is one of the region's premier sporting events. The tournament proudly supports the PGA TOUR's Tradition of Giving Back by donating 100 percent of net proceeds to charities. The event is sponsored by <u>Travelers</u>, a leading provider of property casualty insurance for home, auto and business. Travelers has been doing business in the community for more than 150 years, and today has more than 7,000 employees in Connecticut. The Official Property Casualty Insurance Provider of the PGA TOUR, Travelers has been a sponsor of this event each year since its inception in 1952, becoming title sponsor in 2007. Complete details are available on <u>www.TravelersChampionship.com</u>.



