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## **Couples, O'Meara join INTERNATIONAL**

CASTLE ROCK, CO – A pair of former Masters champions further enhanced an already stellar field for The INTERNATIONAL at Castle Pines Golf Club as Fred Couples and Mark O'Meara joined the list of players today.

Executive Director Larry O. Thiel announced those commitments today, with the deadline for next week's 21st INTERNATIONAL bearing down. Every player except the Buick Open champion will have until the conclusion of play Friday to commit. The Buick winner, if uncommitted, has until an hour after play on Sunday to do so.

"With each passing day, our field just gets stronger and stronger," said Thiel. "We are very happy to see our two friends, Freddie and Mark, back in the field."

Couples, winner of the 1992 green jacket, will be making his ninth appearance in The INTERNATIONAL. He has advanced to the finals twice – once in 2002 when he scored 16 points total to win \$41,400, and again in 2003 when he cashed in for \$27,000 on 12 points.

O'Meara, the 1998 Masters champion, returns to Castle Pines for his 13th time after a two-year layoff. He has been in the finals four times. His most profitable finish was the \$112,000 won in 2001 with 27 points. In 1999, O'Meara scored more points (30), but won just \$50,266.

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