

PRE-TOURNAMENT INTERVIEW: MARK O'MEARA
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MARK O'MEARA: \$10,000 I donated yesterday morning to the hurricane relief fund the Tour's put together, and I saw what Chris Stroud did. Look, I wasn't born and raised in Houston but I've been a Houstonian for the last nine years and what's transpired the last five or six days in Houston and southeast Texas has been devastating.

We live in Memorial, just west of the city. We're fortunate our house didn't flood, but all around us, the course that I'm a member at, Lakeside's got 10 feet of water over the whole golf course. The devastation there is really beyond belief. So my heart and -- look, it's so sad. My wife has been home and she's been breaking down. And just seeing the images that we've seen, it's heartbreaking and these people need our help right now. Texans, as we know, stand together. It will be a slow process but we'll try to do what we can to help them heal.

Q. Is that part of what drew you to Texas, the spirit there?

MARK O'MEARA: A little bit. I lived in Texas when I was a kid but I got remarried nine years ago, so I married a Texas girl and she's wonderful and we just -- it's a small gesture to try to do something to help people that are a little less fortunate. I said I would donate 10 percent of everything I win for the rest of the year. If that can be a small way to help them find a better way, then that's important to me.