

# Invited Celebrity Classic

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We'd like to welcome Carlos Ortiz to the interview room. Carlos currently is No. 1 on the Web.com Tour regular season money list. He's won twice this year -- Panama Claro Championship and El Bosque Mexico Championship. And he also got an invitation to play this week.

Carlos, start off with your thoughts on the golf course.

CARLOS ORTIZ: The golf course is amazing. Coming from the Web.com Tour, we don't get to play these kind of golf courses, and I'm just happy to be out here.

It's a great shape. And also the service you get out here, it's amazing. You don't get that out there, and I'm just really happy to be out here.

**Q. Is it hard for you to believe that you're here, playing on this level here this week?**

CARLOS ORTIZ: It's not hard to believe. It's impressive. It's different from what I've been used to. And I'm just happy. It's a new experience, and I'm just going to try to enjoy it, not try to put any pressure on me.

And it's a bonus for me. Right now I'm playing the Web.com Tour and that's my focus, and that's how I'm saying it's a bonus for my great playing this year.

**Q. Could you talk a little bit about when you found out you were going to play here? And I saw on your bio where you put you would put Jack Nicklaus in your dream foursome. Could you talk a little bit about being here and possibly being around him?**

CARLOS ORTIZ: When I first found out, I couldn't believe it. I've never played a PGA TOUR event before. And making my debut on the PGA TOUR in this tournament was just great. It took me a while to realize that I was going to play out here.

And being the Jack Nicklaus tournament, I always look up to him as a player and as a-- as a man, how he is. And just an honor. And I'm just really happy and I'm going to try to really enjoy this week.

**Q. Just wondering if you could talk for a minute about any influence that Lorena Ochoa has had on your career or your golf or any connection with her.**

CARLOS ORTIZ: She's really been a really big influence on my career. We are from the same country club. So I grew up with her.

When I was young, starting to play golf, she was a sensation. And just being able to see how somebody can make their dreams come true with the hard work. Because I saw how hard she worked and dedication. And so being able to see that from close, it's really an inspiration.

**Q. Have you talked with her recently, all the play that you've had, the good finishes and so forth?**

CARLOS ORTIZ: Of course, she's unbelievably nice. She reached out to me and offered any advice. She's going to be there. And she keeps sending me e-mails and making sure I'm good.

If I ever need anything, she says she's going to be there for me. And she's really a nice person, really humble, and I'm just pretty lucky to have her close.



