



Allianz Championship

The Old Course at Broken Sound | Boca Raton, Florida | February 6-12, 2017

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Par/Yards.....Par 72 / 6,807 yards
Course Designers.....Joe Lee (1978), Gene Bates (2004)
Purse.....\$1,750,000 (Winner: \$262,500)
Golf Channel coverage.....Friday: Noon – 2:30 p.m., Saturday: 3-5:30 p.m., Sunday: 3-5 p.m. (all times EST)

Field Overview (as of 2/7/17)

The Allianz Championship is the first full-field event of the season, and the Boca Raton community will be treated to one of the strongest fields in PGA TOUR Champions history. The list of competitors includes 35 of the top 36 players in last year's final Charles Schwab Cup standings, eight players in the World Golf Hall of Fame, and two of the sport's most popular players in **John Daly** and **Fred Couples**. Not to be overlooked, **Paul McGinley** and **Jose Maria Olazabal** will make their PGA TOUR Champions debuts, while **David Toms** will play in his second event. **Bernhard Langer** remains the headliner among the large group of A-list players, as he won for the 30th time on PGA TOUR Champions at the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.

- 35 of the 36 players who qualified for the 2016 Charles Schwab Cup Championship
- 8 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame (Ian Woosnam will be inducted in September 2017)
- 7 former champions of the Allianz Championship
- 28 former Ryder Cup players (9 European, 19 American) with a combined 101 appearances
- 5 former Ryder Cup captains (Woosnam, Montgomerie, Olazabal, McGinley, Kite)
- 59 PGA TOUR winners with 335 total career victories
- 49 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 280 total career victories
- 20 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 17 with a PGA TOUR major

2016 Recap: Toledo Prevails in a Playoff

Esteban Toledo made a three-foot par putt on the third playoff hole to defeat **Billy Andrade** and win the Allianz Championship at The Old Course at Broken Sound. Playing three groups in front of Andrade, Toledo was the leader in the clubhouse after posting 11-under-par 205. Andrade led at 12-under after 15 holes, but made a costly bogey at No. 16. Two holes later he had a chance for redemption but missed a four-foot birdie opportunity at No. 18 and finished at 11-under with Toledo. After both Toledo and Andrade made pars on the first two extra holes, Andrade's putt for par from six feet lipped out, opening the door for Toledo, who ended the playoff moments later.

Tournament Storylines

Langer Continues Winning Ways

With his win at the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, **Bernhard Langer** recorded his 30th PGA TOUR Champions victory and moved into second place on the all-time wins list, trailing only Hale Irwin (45). The three-time defending Charles Schwab Cup champion has at least one win in 11 consecutive years on PGA TOUR Champions, matching Irwin's mark from 1995-2005. More notes about Langer:

- Since joining the Tour in 2007, his winning percentage is 15.96% (30 wins in 188 starts).
- Of his 30 wins, he has won by one stroke 10 times and by playoff five times, including a playoff victory at the Allianz Championship in 2010.
- His career includes wins at 14 of the 26 tournaments on this year's PGA TOUR Champions schedule.
- He has tallied 23 consecutive rounds under par, dating back to the first round of last year's Boeing Classic. In that span, he has a 66.96 scoring average.
- He has led the Charles Schwab Cup standings after the last 17 tournaments on PGA TOUR Champions. He has topped the points list ever since he won the Regions Tradition on May 22, 2016.

Player Capsules: Montgomerie, Couples, Toms

- **Colin Montgomerie** – In 2016, Montgomerie captured his fourth PGA TOUR Champions title and finished second in the Charles Schwab Cup standings for the third year in a row. Dating back to the final round of last year's Boeing Classic, he has carded 24 consecutive rounds under par (67.83 scoring average). This is his fourth start at the Allianz Championship, with his best finish being a tie for sixth last year.
- **Fred Couples** – This will be Couples' first start at the Allianz Championship, and the first official PGA TOUR event he's played in southeast Florida since the 2006 Honda Classic. He missed most of the 2016 season with a back injury, and his runner-up finish at last month's Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai came in just his second start in 11 months.
- **David Toms** – Toms turned 50 years old on January 4, and he made his PGA TOUR Champions debut 15 days later at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. He shot 3-under-par 69 in his first round and followed with a second-round 63, the lowest round of the tournament, and improved 16 spots to finish T4 at 12-under.

Field Represents Over 100 Ryder Cup Appearances

A number of European Ryder Cup stalwarts are in the field at the Allianz Championship, led by **Bernhard Langer** and his 10 appearances. He's joined by four victorious captains: **Ian Woosnam** (8 appearances, 2006 captain), **Colin Montgomerie** (8 appearances, 2010 captain), **Jose Maria Olazabal** (8 appearances, 2012 captain) and **Paul McGinley** (3 appearances, 2014 captain).

The contingent of American players is led by **Tom Kite**, who captained the 1997 team and played in seven Ryder Cups, followed by **Hale Irwin** and **Fred Couples**, who each played in five. In all, there are 28 former Ryder Cup players in the field – nine Europeans and 19 Americans – that have a combined 101 appearances.

Olazabal, McGinley to Make PGA TOUR Champions Debuts

Five Europeans won PGA TOUR Champions events in 2016, and **Jose Maria Olazabal** and **Paul McGinley** will debut this week in hopes of bolstering that number. Olazabal, who turned 51 on Feb. 5, 2017, won the Masters in 1994 and 1999, represented Europe in seven Ryder Cups and served as captain in 2012 at Medinah Country Club. The Spaniard won six times on the PGA TOUR and 21 times on the European Tour, with his storied career giving way to a World Golf Hall of Fame induction in 2009.

A four-time winner on the European Tour, McGinley earned Ryder Cup fame when he made a Cup-clinching 10-footer to defeat Jim Furyk on the 18th hole in 2002. The Irishman was part of three winning Ryder Cup teams, and in 2014 he captained a victorious European squad that included **Miguel Angel Jimenez**.

Tournament Storylines

Victory Leads to Berth in Charles Schwab Cup Championship

Winning the Allianz Championship has translated into a trip to the season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship for each of the 10 previous champions. Here's where the tournament's winners have finished in the final money list and Charles Schwab Cup standings in the year of their victory in Boca Raton:

Year	Champion	Final Earnings / Finish	Charles Schwab Cup / Finish
2007	Mark James	\$778,865 / 26th	568 points / 24th
2008	Scott Hoch	\$1,497,530 / 9th	1,453 points / 9th
2009	Mike Goodes	\$675,717 / 24th	454 points / 24th
2010	Bernhard Langer*	\$2,648,939 / 1st	3,597 points / 1st
2011	Tom Lehman	\$2,081,526 / 1st	2,422 points / 1st
2012	Corey Pavin*	\$1,021,578 / 14th	1,087 points / 13th
2013	Rocco Mediate	\$1,341,098 / 9th	1,301 points / 9th
2014	Michael Allen*	\$1,421,098 / 7th	1,226 points / 9th
2015	Paul Goydos	\$1,107,081 / 11th	854 points / 16th
2016	Esteban Toledo*	\$640,990 / 33rd	424 points / 24th

* Won via sudden-death playoff

Past Champions in the Field

Seven of the tournament's 10 past champions will compete for another title in Boca Raton. A win by one of these seven players will make him the first repeat winner in tournament history. Mark James, Corey Pavin and Tom Lehman are the three past champions not in the field this year.

Always a Close Call at Allianz

In the tournament's first decade, the largest margin of victory is a mere two strokes (2007, Mark James; 2013, **Rocco Mediate**). The champion has won by one on four occasions, and last year was the fourth playoff in tournament history.

- 2010 – **Bernhard Langer** holed a 45-foot bunker shot for eagle on the first extra hole to defeat **John Cook**
- 2012 – Corey Pavin birdied the first extra hole to defeat Peter Senior
- 2014 – **Michael Allen** two-putted for birdie on the second extra hole to defeat **Duffy Waldorf**
- 2016 – **Esteban Toledo** parred the third extra hole to defeat **Billy Andrade**

10 Years at The Old Course at Broken Sound

The Old Course at Broken Sound has hosted the Allianz Championship every year since the tournament's inception. Last year's scoring average of 72.280 was the highest in tournament history, and The Old Course at Broken Sound was one of 12 courses with a scoring average over par in 2016.

Last year, the 507-yard, par-5 18th was the easiest closing hole on Tour, yielding 15 eagles, 121 birdies and a 4.477 scoring average. Overall, it was the sixth-easiest hole on Tour in 2016. Conversely, the 429-yard, par-4 ninth is traditionally the toughest hole on the course, and in 2016 it played to a 4.329 average, 25th hardest on Tour.

Year	R1	R2	R3	Overall Average (Rank)
2007	71.367	71.051	71.731	71.381 (21st)
2008	71.756	70.103	72.282	71.380 (20th)
2009	71.750	71.423	69.987	70.996 (19th)
2010	70.925	69.810	71.671	70.803 (20th)
2011	70.741	72.425	71.900	71.685 (13th)
2012	70.975	72.432	72.788	72.062 (12th)
2013	71.173	71.309	72.296	71.592 (17th)
2014	70.663	69.671	71.000	70.446 (22nd)
2015	72.914	71.667	71.088	71.893 (15th)
2016	72.407	70.778	73.654	72.280 (10th)

2017 PGA TOUR Champions – Season Overview

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of golf's most recognizable and accomplished players, age 50 and older, including 32 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Tour's mission is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities. In 2017, the PGA TOUR Champions schedule includes 26 tournaments in 18 states, Japan, Wales and Canada, with purses totaling more than \$55 million. The Charles Schwab Cup, which includes the Regular Season and the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, is used to determine the season-long champion. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air live, tape-delayed or in a highlights-package format in excess of 190 countries and territories, reaching more than 330 million potential households. The PGA TOUR's web site is PGATOUR.COM, the No. 1 site in golf, and the organization is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Follow PGA TOUR Champions at facebook.com/PGATOURChampions, on Twitter @ChampionsTour and on Instagram @pgatourchampions.

The 2017 Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

In 2016, Bernhard Langer prevailed in the inaugural Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs and won the Charles Schwab Cup for the third year in a row, and fourth time overall. This year's three-tournament playoff series begins in Richmond, Virginia, before heading west to Thousand Oaks, California, and concluding in Phoenix.

- October 16-22 | Dominion Charity Classic (The Country Club of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia)
- October 23-29 | PowerShares QQQ Championship (Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, California)
- November 6-12 | Charles Schwab Cup Championship (Phoenix Country Club, Phoenix, Arizona)

At the start of the playoffs, each player's regular-season money total will become the equivalent number of points (e.g. \$330,000 equals 330,000 points). During the first two playoff events, each dollar earned is worth two points, and those points will be added to a player's regular-season point total. After the Dominion Charity Classic, the top 54 players will advance, and after the PowerShares QQQ Championship, the top 36 players will qualify for the season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

Points will be reset for the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, similar to the reset in the FedExCup Playoffs before the TOUR Championship. Any of the top-five players will win the Charles Schwab Cup with a victory in the season finale, and all 36 players are mathematically capable of winning the Charles Schwab Cup, depending on his performance and the results of the rest of the field.

Tour Welcomes Several New Faces in 2017

A number of long-time PGA TOUR performers will turn 50 and become eligible to compete on PGA TOUR Champions this season.

- Jerry Kelly (DOB: November 23, 1966)
- David Toms (January 4, 1967)
- Craig Perks (January 6, 1967)
- Kent Jones (January 8, 1967)
- Td Tryba (January 15, 1967)
- Mike Heinen (January 17, 1967)
- Jay Williamson (February 7, 1967)
- Steve Stricker (February 23, 1967)
- Steve Flesch (May 23, 1967)
- Peter Lonard (July 17, 1967)
- Len Mattiace (October 15, 1967)

2017 PGA TOUR Champions – Tournament Recaps

1. **Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai:** Bernhard Langer claimed his 30th career victory on PGA TOUR Champions after high winds forced the cancellation of the final round at Hualalai. Langer closed Friday's second round with birdies on four of his last five holes, and his 36-hole total of 15-under-par (64-65) held up as the winning score over Fred Couples (-14) and Kirk Triplett (-13). The victory came on his 33rd wedding anniversary with his wife, Vikki, who was in attendance along with two of Langer's children.
2. Allianz Championship
3. Chubb Classic
4. Tucson Conquistadores Classic
5. Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic
6. Mitsubishi Electric Classic
7. Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge
8. Insperity Invitational
9. Regions Tradition
10. KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
11. Principal Charity Classic
12. American Family Insurance Championship
13. U.S. Senior Open Championship
14. Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship
15. Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex
16. 3M Championship
17. DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
18. Boeing Classic
19. Shaw Charity Classic
20. JAPAN AIRLINES Championship
21. Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship
22. PURE Insurance Championship
23. SAS Championship
24. Dominion Charity Classic
25. PowerShares QQQ Championship
26. Charles Schwab Cup Championship