



## Dominion Energy Charity Classic

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*Tournament 1 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs*

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### Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** The Country Club of Virginia – James River Course (Par 72 / 7,029 yards)
- **Designed by:** William S. Flynn (1928); Renovation by Rees Jones (1992); Restored by Lester George (2003)
- **Purse:** \$2,000,000 (Winner: \$305,000 / 610,000 points)
- **Schwab Cup Points:** Every dollar earned is equivalent to 2 points in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- **Golf Channel Coverage:** 2:30-5:00 p.m. ET (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
- **Social Media:** @DECCGolf (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook)

### Field Overview (as of 10/17/17)

The second-annual Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs begin in Richmond, Virginia, at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic. **Bernhard Langer** has been No. 1 in the Schwab Cup standings 21 of the 23 weeks this season, and he will continue his quest for an unprecedented fifth Schwab Cup and fourth in a row. **Colin Montgomerie** has finished second in the final standings the last three years, and he's again aiming to end the German's winning streak. Montgomerie has won twice in the last four tournaments, including last week at the SAS Championship, and he starts the playoffs No. 7 in the standings after overcoming an early-season ankle injury. **Scott McCarron** will return to The Country Club of Virginia as the defending champion, and he has won four times since prevailing in a playoff here last year. Eleven players will be making their playoff debuts, including rookies **Jerry Kelly**, **David Toms** and **Steve Flesch**, as well as World Golf Hall of Famer **Vijay Singh**.

- 69 of the 72 playoff qualifiers are in the field (No. 9 Fred Couples, No. 32 Steve Stricker and No. 68 Bob Tway are not playing)
- 59 of the 72 players qualified the playoffs for the second year in a row
- 52 PGA TOUR winners with 272 total career victories
- 47 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 205 total career victories
- 17 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 12 with a PGA TOUR major
- 3 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame (Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Vijay Singh)

### 2016 Recap: McCarron Prevails in Playoff Over Byrum

By making a 10-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole, **Scott McCarron** defeated **Tom Byrum** and won the inaugural Dominion Energy Charity Classic, the second event in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs. After sharing the 36-hole lead, McCarron and Byrum posted final-round 69s and finished at 13-under, two shots clear of **Kevin Sutherland** and **Brandt Jobe**. McCarron played the last 50 holes bogey-free, including his playoff birdie, en route to his second win of the season.



# Tournament Storylines

## Schwab Cup Playoffs Overview

At the start of the playoffs, each player's regular-season money total becomes 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. 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.

Remaining schedule:

- October 23-29 | PowerShares QQQ Championship (Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, California)
- November 6-12 | Charles Schwab Cup Championship (Phoenix Country Club, Phoenix, Arizona)

## Top-Five Players in Schwab Cup Standings

### 1. **Bernhard Langer (3,012,359 points)**

The winner of the last three Charles Schwab Cups, Langer has five wins and 10 top-three finishes in 19 starts. With \$3,012,359 in winnings, it is his third \$3 million season on PGA TOUR Champions. He set the single-season record in 2014 (\$3,074,189), and he'll break that record with an eighth-place finish or better in Richmond.

- 2017 wins: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, Regions Tradition, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex, PURE Insurance Championship.
- He won three majors in one season, joining Jack Nicklaus as the only players to accomplish that feat. He is PGA TOUR Champions all-time leader with 10 major victories.
- He has 34 career wins, which is second-most in Tour history (Hale Irwin, 45).
- The Dominion Energy Charity Classic is one of just 10 tournaments on this year's 26-tournament schedule that Langer has not won. Last year, he finished T6 in the inaugural event.

### 2. **Scott McCarron (2,434,895 points)**

Since he won last year's inaugural Dominion Energy Charity Classic, McCarron has tallied four more victories, three of which in dramatic fashion. He eagled the last hole to win by one at the Allianz Championship, he erased a six-shot deficit in the final round to win his first major at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, and he birdied the last three holes to win by one at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.

- With \$2,434,895 in winnings, this is the most lucrative season of his professional career.
- He has been No. 2 in the Schwab Cup standings 15 of 23 weeks this season, including each of the last 10.

### 3. **Kenny Perry (1,508,470 points)**

Perry's regular season was highlighted by a record-breaking win at the U.S. Senior Open, his second victory in the championship and fourth senior major. His four-day total of 264 set a new U.S. Senior Open record for lowest 72-hole score, and his 16-under total was the third-best score in relation to par in tournament history. He has been battling a torn rotator cuff and will have surgery at the close of the season.

### 4. **Kevin Sutherland (1,497,532 points)**

Sutherland has 14 top-10s, tied with Langer for most this season, and three runner-up finishes. In 75 tournaments, he has 37 top-10s and eight runner-ups, but he's yet to enter the winner's circle. He has won over \$1 million for the third year in a row; during his PGA TOUR career, he had five million-dollar seasons.

### 5. **Jerry Kelly (1,381,577 points)**

Kelly is the only rookie to win this season, as he won the Boeing Classic and the Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship. He has tallied five straight top-10s (Win, T6, Win, 2nd, 6th) and 17 straight rounds under-par, the longest active streak on Tour. His current streak included a PGA TOUR Champions record 16 straight rounds in the 60s, which ended with a final-round 70 at the SAS Championship.



### Monty Mounting a Charge

For the second year in a row, **Colin Montgomerie** enters the Schwab Cup Playoffs on a hot streak. In 2016, he closed the regular season with three top-10s and one win in his last four starts. After playoff finishes of 2nd/T16/3rd, he finished second in the Schwab Cup standings for the third year in a row. This year, he has three top-10s in his last four starts, including wins at the JAPAN AIRLINES Championship and last week's SAS Championship. Earlier this season, he missed nearly three months due to torn ligaments in his left ankle, and he was as low as 46th in the Schwab Cup standings following a T42 at the U.S. Senior Open. Since then, he has six top-10s and has risen to No. 7 in the standings.

### Making the Most of Every Start

Four players qualified for the Schwab Cup Playoffs despite making fewer than 10 starts this season.

- **Vijay Singh** recorded his first victory in April, partnering with Carlos Franco to win the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge. He has five top-10s in nine starts, including a tie for second at last week's SAS Championship, and he is 10th in the standings.
- In five starts this season, **David McKenzie** Monday qualified four times and posted three top-10s, including a fifth-place finish at last week's SAS Championship.
- **Bob Estes** has two top-10s in eight starts this season, with his best being a T5 at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, and he is 58th in the standings.
- **Steve Stricker** has five top-10s in six starts, and his worst finish is a tie for 13th. Excluding the team event, all 16 of his rounds are under-par (67.75 average), and he is 32nd in the standings, though he is not in the field.

### Thirteen New Playoff Qualifiers

Among the top-72 are 13 players who qualified for the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs for the first time, though only 11 are in this week's field. This group includes:

- World Golf Hall of Famer **Vijay Singh**.
- Victorious U.S. Presidents Cup Captain **Steve Stricker** (not in the field).
- PGA TOUR winners **Jerry Kelly** (3 TOUR wins), **David Toms** (13), **Steve Flesch** (4), **Bob Estes** (4), **Tim Petrovic** (1), **Michael Bradley** (4) and **Russ Cochran** (1).
- Seven PGA TOUR Champions rookies.
- Two graduates from 2016 PGA TOUR Champions Q-School – **Phillip Price** and **Skip Kendall**.
- Australian **David McKenzie**, who turned 50 on July 26 and is the youngest player in the field (age on Friday: 50 years, 2 months, 24 days). Among playoff qualifiers, he has made the fewest starts this season (5).

Player	Points	Season Summary
5. Jerry Kelly *	1,381,577	9 top-10s, 2 wins (Boeing Classic, Pacific Links Bear Mountain)
10. Vijay Singh	967,035	5 top-10s, 1 win (Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf)
29. David Toms *	606,227	5 top-10s (Best: T4, Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
32. Steve Stricker *^	569,250	5 top-10s (Best: 2nd, Tucson Conquistadores Classic)
38. Steve Flesch*	527,539	3 top-10s (Best: 5th, Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship)
56. Phillip Price*	294,818	2 top-10s (Best: T5, PURE Insurance Championship)
57. David McKenzie *	281,223	3 top-10s (Best: T3, Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship)
58. Bob Estes *	264,089	2 top-10s (Best: T5, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
61. Tim Petrovic	242,931	1 top-10 (T7, Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship)
63. Michael Bradley	223,686	2 top-10s (Best: T8, SAS Championship)
68. Bob Tway ^	164,817	1 top-10 (T7, Insuperity Invitational)
70. Skip Kendall	161,199	4 top-25s (Best: T13, Principal Charity Classic)
72. Russ Cochran	154,376	1 top-25 (T23, Boeing Classic)

\* 2017 Rookie | ^ Not playing Dominion Energy Charity Classic



**Bubble Watch: 54 Players to Advance After Dominion**

After Sunday's final round, the top-54 players in the standings will qualify for the second leg of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, the PowerShares QQQ Championship. Last year, when the first playoff event was the PowerShares QQQ Championship, two players moved into the top-54 and advanced to the second weekend of the playoffs. **Lee Janzen** finished T25 and moved from 56th to 54th, while **Scott Parel** finished T10 and moved from 62nd to 53rd.

Player	Points	Points from No. 54
50. Tom Byrum	355,895	52,900
51. Esteban Toledo	330,044	27,049
52. Todd Hamilton	323,439	20,444
53. Larry Mize	303,651	656
54. Mark Brooks	302,995	-
55. Jay Don Blake	297,519	(5,476)
56. Phillip Price	294,818	(8,177)
57. David McKenzie	281,223	(21,772)
58. Bob Estes	264,089	(38,906)

**Playoff Performances Pay Dividends**

Last year, all three playoff winners finished in the top-10 of the final Charles Schwab Cup standings. With his win at the playoff opener, **Tom Pernice Jr.** improved the most during the three-tournament series, moving up 23 spots and finishing ninth in the final standings. Additionally, **Paul Goydos** improved 17 spots (20th to 3rd), **Jay Haas** improved 14 spots (26th to 12th), and **Esteban Toledo** improved 13 spots (37th to 24th). Toledo was the only player that started the playoffs outside the top-36 and qualified for the season finale's 36-player field.

Player	2016 Playoff Start	Position After (Tournament Finish)		
		PowerShares QQQ Championship	Dominion Energy Charity Classic	Charles Schwab Cup Championship
Tom Pernice Jr.	32nd	9th (Win)	8th (T13)	9th (T10)
Scott McCarron	8th	5th (T6)	2nd (Win)	4th (T19)
Paul Goydos	20th	22nd (T54)	24th (T10)	3rd (Win)
Bernhard Langer	1st	1st (DNP)	1st (T6)	1st (2nd)
Colin Montgomerie	4th	2nd (2nd)	3rd (T16)	2nd (3rd)
Joe Durant	3rd	3rd (T6)	4th (T10)	5th (T15)

**Charles Schwab Cup History**

For an unprecedented third consecutive year, **Bernhard Langer** claimed the 2016 Charles Schwab Cup and the \$1 million bonus at the \$2.5 million Charles Schwab Cup Championship at Desert Mountain Club's Cochise Course in Scottsdale, Arizona. It was Langer's fourth career Charles Schwab Cup title in the last seven years, and he is the only player to win it more than twice.

	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Runner-up</b>
2016	Bernhard Langer	Colin Montgomerie
2015	Bernhard Langer	Colin Montgomerie
2014	Bernhard Langer	Colin Montgomerie
2013	Kenny Perry	Bernhard Langer
2012	Tom Lehman	Bernhard Langer
2011	Tom Lehman	Mark Calcavecchia
2010	Bernhard Langer	Fred Couples
2009	Loren Roberts	John Cook
2008	Jay Haas	Fred Funk
2007	Loren Roberts	Jay Haas
2006	Jay Haas	Loren Roberts
2005	Tom Watson	Dana Quigley
2004	Hale Irwin	Craig Stadler
2003	Tom Watson	Jim Thorpe
2002	Hale Irwin	Bob Gilder
2001	Allen Doyle	Bruce Fleisher



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## 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:** After hitting a 7-iron from 179 yards on the par-5 18th, Scott McCarron made his six-foot eagle putt to win the Allianz Championship, his third career PGA TOUR Champions victory. At one time, seven players were tied for the lead during Sunday's final round, but in the end McCarron's 17-under total was one stroke better than Carlos Franco and Kenny Perry.
3. **Chubb Classic:** Fred Couples closed with a bogey-free 67 and defeated second-round leader Miguel Angel Jimenez by three strokes. The win was Couples' 12th victory on PGA TOUR Champions, and first since he defeated Billy Andrade in a playoff to win the 2014 Shaw Charity Classic.
4. **Tucson Conquistadores Classic:** Tom Lehman birdied two of his last three holes to erase a two-stroke deficit and win with a 20-under-par total. In his PGA TOUR Champions debut, Steve Stricker led by two with three holes to go, but he three-putted for bogey on No. 16 and hit his tee shot into a hazard on No. 18, leading to his runner-up finish.
5. **Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic:** Miguel Angel Jimenez successfully defended his title, but it took one extra hole for him to settle the matter. Holding a two-stroke advantage going to the 54th hole, Jimenez made a double bogey to fall back into a playoff with Gene Sauers, the 36-hole-leader. Steadying his nerves, the Spaniard calmly drained his 10-foot birdie putt to end the affair.
6. **Mitsubishi Electric Classic:** Stephen Ames became the third Canadian to win on PGA TOUR Champions, carding a final-round 66 to win by four strokes. The victory came in his 49th start on Tour, and he became the 11th player to have wins on the Web.com, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions.
7. **Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge:** Vijay Singh and Carlos Franco teamed up to win the weather-shortened Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge. The tandem posted a 15-under total after shooting a tournament-record 12-under 42 in the second and final round, which consisted of nine holes of modified alternate shot and nine holes of better ball at the Top of the Rock Par 3 Course. The win was Franco's second on PGA TOUR Champions, while Singh claimed his first victory in his 13th start on Tour.





8. **Insperty Invitational:** One year after making his PGA TOUR Champions debut, John Daly captured his first victory at the Insperty Invitational. Daly carded a second-round 65 to take a one-stroke advantage into Sunday, and he began his final round with an eagle on No. 1. He finished with a final-round 69, a 14-under-par total and a one-stroke victory over Kenny Perry and Tommy Armour III. The win came in Daly's 22nd start on Tour, and he became the 12th player with victories on the Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions.
9. **Regions Tradition:** Bernhard Langer shot a final-round 64 and overcame a two-shot deficit en route to his second straight win at the Regions Tradition. The win was his eighth major championship on PGA TOUR Champions, which tied him with Jack Nicklaus for most senior major titles. His 20-under-par total was five shots better than Scott McCarron and Scott Parel.
10. **KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship:** Bernhard Langer finished at 18-under-par and outlasted Vijay Singh to win the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship by one stroke. It was his ninth senior major victory, and he passed Jack Nicklaus for the most major victories in PGA TOUR Champions history. Langer also became the first player to win all five majors on PGA TOUR Champions.
11. **Principal Charity Classic:** Brandt Jobe finished at 14-under and won the Principal Charity Classic by one over Kevin Sutherland and Scott McCarron, the defending champion and Jobe's roommate at UCLA. It was Jobe's first victory in his 32nd start on PGA TOUR Champions, and first professional victory since he won the 1998 Mizuno Open on the Japan Golf Tour (a span of 18 years, 11 months, 14 days). He was winless in 34 starts on the Web.com Tour and 337 starts on the PGA TOUR.
12. **American Family Insurance Championship:** Trailing by three at the start of the final round, Fred Couples birdied six of his first 11 holes en route to a final-round 66 and a two-stroke victory. It was Couples' 13th career win on PGA TOUR Champions, and it was his second win of the season. Tournament host Steve Stricker finished three shots behind Couples and tied for third.
13. **U.S. Senior Open Championship:** Kenny Perry carded a final-round 68 to finish at 16-under and win the U.S. Senior Open by two strokes over Kirk Triplett. It was his fourth senior major victory and his second U.S. Senior Open title (2013, 2017). His four-day total of 264 set a new U.S. Senior Open record for lowest 72-hole score, and his 16-under total was the third-best score in relation to par in tournament history.
14. **Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship:** Scott McCarron carded a final-round 66 and erased a six-shot deficit to overtake Bernhard Langer and Brandt Jobe and win his first major on PGA TOUR Champions. The six-shot, come-from-behind victory is tied for the largest in tournament history (Raymond Floyd, 2000). Sunday on the par-3 17th, Langer made double bogey and Jobe made bogey, and both players fell one shot short when they missed birdie putts on No. 18. With the win, McCarron earned an invitation to play in THE PLAYERS Championship in 2018.
15. **The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex:** Bernhard Langer captured his record 10th major on PGA TOUR Champions, winning his third Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex on Sunday at Royal Porthcawl. Langer finished at 4-under, three shots better than runner-up Corey Pavin, who was the only other player to finish the championship under-par. Langer and Jack Nicklaus are the only two players to win three senior majors in one season. With the win, Langer earned an invitation to play in The Open Championship at Carnoustie in 2018.
16. **3M Championship:** Paul Goydos birdied the first playoff hole to defeat Gene Sauers and win the 3M Championship at TPC Twin Cities. The win was his fifth on PGA TOUR Champions, and he has at least one win in each of his four seasons on PGA TOUR Champions. Despite starting the tournament 1-over through 10, Goydos played the last 44 holes in 21-under and emerged victorious. His 20-under total was aided by a tournament-record 60 in the second round, the 12th score of 60 in Tour history and first since 2015.



17. **DICK'S Sporting Goods Open:** Scott McCarron birdied the last three holes en route to a final-round 64 and a one-shot victory over Kevin Sutherland. His weekend total of 61-64 – 125 was the second-lowest 36-hole total in Tour history, and it helped him recover from being T35 after a first-round 71.
18. **Boeing Classic:** Trailing by one with three holes to play, Jerry Kelly birdied Nos. 16 and 17 to win by one over Jerry Smith. It was his first victory in his 13th start on PGA TOUR Champions, and his first win since the 2009 Zurich Classic of New Orleans. Kelly tallied 21 birdies and just two bogeys en route to a 19-under-par 197 total, setting a new tournament record. Kelly became the 13th player with wins on the Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions.
19. **Shaw Charity Classic:** Scott McCarron tallied his fourth victory of the season in Calgary, winning by one over Miguel Angel Jimenez. McCarron led by two at the start of the final round, and his final-round 67 was enough to hold off Jimenez and Kevin Sutherland.
20. **JAPAN AIRLINES Championship:** Colin Montgomerie birdied six of his final 11 holes to complete his three-shot comeback victory at the JAPAN AIRLINES Championship, the first official PGA TOUR-sanctioned tournament in Japan. In the final round, six players had at least a share of the lead and four different players led outright, and it was Montgomerie's back-nine 31 that propelled him into the winner's circle for the fifth time.
21. **Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship:** Jerry Kelly claimed his second win in four weeks, shooting a final-round 68 en route to a 14-under total and a one-shot victory. Lee Janzen led by three with four holes to play, but had to settle for second place after playing the last four holes in 3-over-par.
22. **PURE Insurance Championship:** Bernhard Langer broke away from the field with three back-nine birdies on Sunday, giving him his first victory at iconic Pebble Beach. Langer led by one through 36 holes, and Jerry Kelly emerged as his primary challenger in the final round. Playing in the group ahead of Langer, Kelly was tied for the after a birdie on No. 12. Langer broke the tie with birdies on Nos. 13-15, capping off a final-round 67 and a tournament-record total of 17-under. Kelly was 14-under and finished second and Scott McCarron finished third.
23. **SAS Championship:** After being one of three co-leaders through 36 holes, Colin Montgomerie carded a bogey-free 64 on Sunday and broke away for a three-shot victory, his second win in four weeks. His 16-under total was three shots better than Vijay Singh and defending champion Doug Garwood.
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