



Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship

Bear Mountain Golf Resort – Mountain Course | Victoria, British Columbia | September 11-17, 2017

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Bear Mountain Golf Resort – Mountain Course (Par 71 / 6,881 yards)

Course Designer: Jack and Steve Nicklaus co-design (2003)

Purse: \$1,800,000 (Winner: 270,000)

Defending Champion: Colin Montgomerie (def. Scott McCarron on third playoff hole)

Field Overview (as of 9/12/17)

The Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship will be played in Victoria, British Columbia for the second straight year. The field is highlighted by four of the top-five finishers in last year's Charles Schwab Cup standings: **Bernhard Langer**, **Colin Montgomerie**, **Scott McCarron** and **Joe Durant**. Montgomerie won the JAPAN AIRLINES Championship last week and he will return to defend his title, while Schwab Cup leader Langer will return to action after taking the last two weeks off. The field also includes eight players totaling 14 victories this season: **Stephen Ames** (1), **John Daly** (1), **Carlos Franco** (1), **Jerry Kelly** (1), Langer (4), McCarron (4), **Tom Lehman** (1) and Montgomerie (1).

- 4 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame (Sir Nick Faldo, Tom Kite, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie)
- 48 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 207 total career victories
- 54 PGA TOUR winners with 261 total career victories
- 15 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 12 with a PGA TOUR major

2016 Recap: Montgomerie Prevails on Third Playoff Hole

Colin Montgomerie claimed his fourth PGA TOUR Champions victory by making a 15-foot birdie putt on the third playoff hole. **Scott McCarron** held a one-stroke lead on the final hole of regulation, but a bogey on No. 18 sent him and Montgomerie to a playoff at 15-under-par. Two players made runs at 59 in the final round; Miguel Angel Jimenez had to settle for a course-record 61 after making par on his final four holes, while **Bernhard Langer** opened with a front-nine 28 but finished with a 63.

Montgomerie Finding his Form

After missing nearly three months due to torn ligaments in his left ankle earlier this season, **Colin Montgomerie** enters the week as one of the hottest players on Tour. Last week, he erased a three-shot deficit in the final round and won the JAPAN AIRLINES Championship, the first official PGA TOUR-sanctioned tournament in Japan. He has tallied 15 consecutive rounds under-par, and in this span he has five top-20 finishes and three top-10s, including his victory last week. He has five wins in his PGA TOUR Champions career, and he is currently No. 8 in the Schwab Cup standings.



Tournament Storylines

Three Canadians in the Field

Canadians **Stephen Ames**, **Rod Spittle** and **Jim Rutledge** will be fan favorites this week in Victoria. Earlier this season, Ames won the Mitsubishi Electric Classic and became the third Canadian to win on PGA TOUR Champions. He is one of just 13 players to win on the Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions, and he is currently No. 10 in the Schwab Cup standings.

Spittle is one of the other Canadians with a win on PGA TOUR Champions, as he won the 2010 AT&T Championship in San Antonio. This season, he has a pair of top-10s and is 50th in the Schwab Cup. Rutledge rounds out the trio, and he will make his third start of the season this week.

Past Winners in Canada

The Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship will be the 24th PGA TOUR Champions event in Canada. This week's field includes nine players with PGA TOUR Champions victories in Canada.

- John Cook – Quebec / Montreal Championship (2011)
- Carlos Franco – Shaw Charity Classic (2016)
- Tom Jenkins – AT&T Canada Senior Open Championship (2000, 2002)
- Scott McCarron – Shaw Charity Classic (2017)
- Rocco Mediate – Shaw Charity Classic (2013)
- Larry Mize – Quebec / Montreal Championship (2010)
- Colin Montgomerie – Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship (2016)
- Wes Short Jr. – Quebec / Montreal Championship (2014)
- Esteban Toledo – Quebec / Montreal Championship (2013)

Langer, McCarron Battling at the Top

The top-two players in the Schwab Cup standings are in this week's field, and the tandem has combined to win eight of the 20 tournaments this season. **Bernhard Langer** has topped the standings for 15 straight weeks, and his season includes four wins and nine top-three finishes. He has won five of the last 10 senior majors, including three this year, and his 10 major victories is most in PGA TOUR Champions history. The four-time winner of the Charles Schwab Cup carded a final-round 63 en route to a T7 finish at last year's Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship.

Scott McCarron has held the No. 2 spot in the Schwab Cup standings 12 of the 20 weeks this year, and his season winnings of \$2,267,585 is already a career-high since turning pro in 1992. He has four victories, including his first major win at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, and is coming off a T2 finish at the JAPAN AIRLINES Championship. He trails Langer by \$327,050 in the standings.

Bubble Watch: Schwab Cup Playoffs

With three events left in the regular season, players are eyeing a top-72 place in the standings and a spot in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs. This week's field includes nine players near the last playoff spot, including No. 72 **Skip Kendall**.

Player	Money	Money from No. 72
62. Brian Henninger	\$170,191	\$45,522
63. Phillip Price	\$169,834	\$45,165
66. Michael Bradley	\$153,926	\$29,257
69. Russ Cochran	\$134,006	\$9,337
70. Jim Carter	\$128,721	\$4,052
72. Skip Kendall	\$124,669	\$0
73. Bart Bryant	\$119,450	(\$5,219)
76. Gary Hallberg	\$107,501	(\$17,168)
78. Miguel Angel Martin	\$102,435	(\$22,234)

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 Energy 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 Energy 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.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) |
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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:** 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 invitational 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.
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