



## The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex

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### Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** Royal Porthcawl Golf Club (Par 71 / 7,010 yards)

**Course Designer:** Charles Gibson (1892)

**Purse:** £1,500,000

### Television Coverage (all times Eastern):

- Thursday and Friday: 7-9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Golf Channel)
- Saturday and Sunday: 9:30 a.m. – Noon (Golf Channel), Noon – 2 p.m. (NBC)

### 2016 Recap: Broadhurst Wins The Senior Open at Carnoustie

Englishman **Paul Broadhurst** rebounded from an opening-round 75 with rounds of 66-68-68 to finish at 11-under and win The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex. Making just his second start on PGA TOUR Champions, Broadhurst trailed by four at the start of the final round, and he came back to win after carding a bogey-free 68 on Sunday at Carnoustie Golf Links. Later in the year, Broadhurst won the PURE Insurance Championship and joined Tom Watson and Ben Hogan as the only players with wins at both Carnoustie and Pebble Beach. With these two significant victories on his resume, Broadhurst was named the 2016 Rookie of the Year.

### The Last Time at Royal Porthcawl

Royal Porthcawl last hosted The Senior Open Championship in 2014, when **Bernhard Langer** finished at 18-under and won by 13 over **Colin Montgomerie**. The win was one of five victories for Langer that season, and he went on to win the Charles Schwab Cup for the second time. This year's field includes nine of the top-11 finishers from 2014, including Langer, Montgomerie, **Barry Lane** (T3), **Tom Pernice Jr.** (T3), **Scott Dunlap** (T6), **Bob Tway** (T6), **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (T8), **Russ Cochran** (T10) and **Tom Watson** (T10).

### From The Open to The Senior Open

Six players in this week's field played in The Open Championship at Royal Birkdale last week.

- **Paul Broadhurst**, 51, gained entry as the winner of the 2016 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex.
  - Last week: MC, 75-72 – 147
- **John Daly**, 51, gained entry as the winner of the 1995 Open Championship at St. Andrews.
  - Last week: MC, 74-78 – 152
- **Todd Hamilton**, 51, gained entry as the winner of the 2004 Open Championship at Royal Troon.
  - Last week: MC, 79-79 – 158
- **Tom Lehman**, 58, gained entry as the winner of the 1996 Open Championship at Royal Lytham & St. Annes.
  - Last week: MC, 72-76 – 148
- **Sandy Lyle**, 59, gained entry as the winner of the 1985 Open Championship at Royal St. George's.
  - Last week: MC, 77-76 – 153
- **Prayad Marksaeng**, 51, gained entry as the winner of the 2017 SMBC Singapore Open.
  - Last week: MC, 76-74 – 150

## *Tournament Storylines*

### Langer's Winning Ways

This season, **Bernhard Langer** has seven top-three finishes and three wins, bringing his career total to 32. He only trails Hale Irwin (45) on PGA TOUR Champions' all-time wins list. Two of his wins this season came at majors, and it is the fourth time he has won two majors in a season. With his win at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, he became the Tour's all-time leader in major victories (9) and he became the first player to win all five senior majors.

In major championships, he is 6-for-10 in converting 36-hole leads into wins, and 7-for-13 in converting 54-hole leads into wins. When he won The Senior Open in 2010 and 2014, Langer was the 36- and 54-hole leader/co-leader both times.

### Welshmen Highlight European Contingent

**Ian Woosnam** and **Phillip Price** will play in their native Wales this week. Born in Oswestry, 135 miles north of Royal Porthcawl, Woosnam won 29 times on the European Tour and topped the Order of Merit twice. He won The Masters in 1991 and captained the victorious Europeans at the 2006 Ryder Cup, and he will be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame during the week of the Presidents Cup in September.

Price was born in Pontypridd, 40 miles east of Royal Porthcawl, and most recently he won the WINSTONgolf Senior Open in Germany for his first European Senior Tour title. In his first full season on PGA TOUR Champions, he has two top-25 finishes and is currently No. 72 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Other notable Europeans in the field include five World Golf Hall of Famers – **Sir Nick Faldo** (England), **Bernhard Langer** (Germany), **Sandy Lyle** (Scotland), **Colin Montgomerie** (Scotland) and **Jose Maria Olazabal** (Spain) – as well as defending champion **Paul Broadhurst** (England), **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (Spain), **Paul McGinley** (Ireland) and **Jean Van De Velde** (France).

### Americans on Foreign Soil

The field features 96 Americans, including four with victories on PGA TOUR Champions this season. **Scott McCarron** and **Fred Couples** have each won twice, while **John Daly** took home his first title with a win at the Insperity Invitational in May. **Tom Lehman**, winner of the 1996 Open Championship, claimed his 10th PGA TOUR Champions title when he won the Tucson Conquistadores Classic in March.

Other notable Americans in the field include: World Golf Hall of Famer **Tom Watson**, rookies **Steve Flesch** and **Jerry Kelly**, as well as **Billy Andrade**, **Jeff Maggert**, **Billy Mayfair**, **Larry Mize** and **Corey Pavin**.

### Jockeying for Position in the Charles Schwab Cup Standings

This week's field includes five of the top-10 players in the Schwab Cup standings. **Bernhard Langer** has led 12 of the 14 weeks, including the last 10, while **Scott McCarron** moved into the No. 2 spot following his win at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. Defending champion **Paul Broadhurst** has two top-10s this season and is currently No. 25 in the standings.

Player	Money	Season Summary	Tournament History
1. Bernhard Langer	\$2,039,666	Three wins, nine top-10s	2016: T9   Best: 1st (2014, 2010)
2. Scott McCarron	\$1,378,135	Two wins, seven top-10s	2016: 2nd (best finish)
4. Fred Couples	\$1,103,147	Two wins, seven top-10s	2016: DNP   Best: 1st (2012)
6. Miguel Angel Jimenez	\$1,008,587	One win, seven top-10s	2016: T3 (best finish)
10. Tom Lehman	\$763,765	One win, five top-10s	2016: T14   Best: T10 (2012)

## Tournament Storylines

### Sunday a Major Hurdle for Leaders

The last six 54-hole leaders at majors have not gone on to win. None of the players broke 70 in the final round, and their average score was 72.00.

- 2017 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship – Bernhard Langer led by one; finished T2 (final-round 73)
- 2017 U.S. Senior Open – Kirk Triplett led by one; finished second (final-round 71)
- 2017 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship – Vijay Singh led by one; finished second (final-round 70)
- 2017 Regions Tradition – Fred Funk led by one; finished T4 (final-round 72)
- 2016 U.S. Senior Open – Miguel Angel Jimenez led by one; finished T2 (final-round 71)
- 2016 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex – Jimenez led by four; finished T3 (final-round 75)

**Bernhard Langer** was the last 54-hole leader to go on to victory, as he survived a final-round 73 and won by one at the 2016 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. **Rocco Mediate** is the last 54-hole leader to break 70 in the final round and win (2016 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship). Since The Senior Open became an official event on PGA TOUR Champions in 2003, the 54-hole leader/co-leader has won seven of 14 times, most recently **Marco Dawson** in 2015 and Langer in 2014.

### The Last Time at The Senior Open Championship

Last American winner..... Marco Dawson (2015)  
 Last player to defend title successfully ..... Christy O’Connor, Jr. (2000)  
 Last start-to-finish winner with no ties ..... Bernhard Langer (2014)  
 Last winner to birdie the last hole to win..... Marco Dawson (2015)  
 Last winner to birdie the last two holes to win ..... Fred Couples (2012)  
 Last winner without a round in the 60s..... Tom Watson (2007)  
 Last winner with all rounds in the 60s ..... Marco Dawson (2015)

### Championship History

The Senior Open Championship has been an official PGA TOUR Champions event since 2003. This year’s field includes six past champions: **Paul Broadhurst** (2016), **Russ Cochran** (2011), **Fred Couples** (2012), **Marco Dawson** (2015), **Bernhard Langer** (2010, 2014) and **Tom Watson** (2003, 2005, 2007). Only three players have wins at both The Open and The Senior Open: Gary Player, Bob Charles and **Tom Watson**. Of this trio, Watson is the only player with a Senior Open win since it became an official event in 2003.

#### PGA TOUR Champions official tournament

2016 Paul Broadhurst  
 2015 Marco Dawson  
 2014 Bernhard Langer  
 2013 Mark Wiebe  
 2012 Fred Couples  
 2011 Russ Cochran  
 2010 Bernhard Langer  
 2009 Loren Roberts  
 2008 Bruce Vaughan  
 2007 Tom Watson  
 2006 Loren Roberts  
 2005 Tom Watson  
 2004 Pete Oakley  
 2003 Tom Watson

#### PGA TOUR Champions unofficial tournament

2002 Noboru Sugai  
 2001 Ian Stanley  
 2000 Christy O’Connor, Jr.  
 1999 Christy O’Connor, Jr.  
 1998 Brian Huggett  
 1997 Gary Player  
 1996 Brian Barnes  
 1995 Brian Barnes  
 1994 Tom Wargo  
 1993 Bob Charles  
 1992 John Fourie  
 1991 Bobby Verwey  
 1990 Gary Player  
 1989 Bob Charles  
 1988 Gary Player  
 1987 Neil Coles

## ***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.

- 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:** 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. With the victory, Langer earned an invitation to play in the PGA Championship at Quail Hollow in August.
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
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 Energy Charity Classic
25. PowerShares QQQ Championship
26. Charles Schwab Cup Championship