



3M Championship

TPC Twin Cities | Blaine, Minnesota | August 3-5, 2018

PGA TOUR Champions Media Contact

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: TPC Twin Cities (Par 72 / 7,114 yards)

Purse: \$1,750,000

Golf Channel Television Coverage (all times Eastern):

- Friday: 9:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. (tape delay)
- Saturday and Sunday: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Field Overview (as of July 31, 2018)

Defending champion **Paul Goydos** and two-time champion **Kenny Perry** highlight the 78-player field for the final year of the PGA TOUR Champions 3M Championship. The field will feature 10 past champions with **Joe Durant** leading the Charles Schwab Cup money list. The field includes four players that finished in the top-10 last week at The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex (Kirk Triplett, Tom Lehman, Tom Pernice Jr., Marco Dawson) and eight of the top-10 from last year's 3M Championship. **Robert Gamez** will make his PGA TOUR Champions debut in the United States, after making his first start last week at The Senior Open Championship.

3M Champion	Year	Score
Paul Goydos	2017	196 (-20)
Joe Durant	2016	197 (-19)
Kenny Perry	2015	198 (-18)
	2014	193 (-23)
Tom Pernice Jr.	2013	199 (-17)
Jay Haas	2011	201 (-15)
David Frost	2010	191 (-25)
Tom Kite	2004	203 (-13)
Wayne Levi	2003	205 (-11)
Dave Stockton	1994	203 (-13)

Field Highlights:

- 10 of the top-25 on the Charles Schwab Cup money list
- 55 PGA TOUR winners with 292 total career victories
- 48 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 171 total career victories
- 11 players with a PGA TOUR major victory, 13 with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory

2017 Recap: Goydos

Paul Goydos, who made his PGA TOUR Champions debut at this event in 2014, birdied the first playoff hole to defeat Gene Sauers for his fifth career victory on PGA TOUR Champions. This victory continued Goydos' streak of winning at least one event all four years since he joined the Tour in 2014. Leading up to his bogey-free finish across 36holes, Goydos set a new tournament 18-hole scoring record in the second round with a 12-under-par 60.

Championship History

The 3M Championship has been an official PGA TOUR Champions event since 1993. Seven Greats of Golf who competed in the inaugural year of the event will also compete this week on Saturday in the Post-It Products Greats of Golf Challenge: **Jim Colbert**, **Charles Coody**, **Al Geiberger**, **Gary Player**, **Dave Stockton**, **Lee Trevino** and **Tom Weiskopf**. Colbert claims the best finish of the group with a runner-up finish, two strokes off winner Chi Chi Rodriguez in 1993.

The 3M Championship is one of the longest-running events on PGA TOUR Champions in one metropolitan area. The only two other events that have been played longer in one city include the Chubb Classic (1988) in Naples, Florida, and Regions Tradition (1993) in Birmingham, Alabama. This is the event's 18th year at the TPC Twin Cities in Blaine after an eight-year run at Bunker Hills Golf Club in Coon Rapids.

In the tournament's 25-year existence:

- Inaugural winner Chi Chi Rodriguez claimed his last of 22 career victories on PGA TOUR Champions title at this event
- Seven first-time winners at the 3M Championship: Vicente Fernandez (1996), Leonard Thompson (1998), Ed Dougherty (2000), Bruce Lietzke (2001), Wayne Levi (2003), David Edwards (2006), and David Frost (2010). Fernandez, Lietzke, Edwards, Frost and the 2013 champion, Tom Pernice Jr., all won in their first appearances.
- Two players have won on two different occasions: Kenny Perry (2014-2015) and Bernhard Langer (2009, 2012).
- Two playoffs (2017/ Paul Goydos def. Gene Sauers, 2016/Joe Durant def. Miguel Angel Jimenez)
- In 2010 David Frost set the tournament scoring record (25-under 191) and record for largest margin of victory (seven strokes over Mark Calcavecchia).
- The winning score has been at least 15-under the last 10 years; three totaled better than 20-under

Next year, the event will transition to an official PGA TOUR event as 3M signed a seven-year agreement to bring the world's top golfers to TPC Twin Cities. The tournament will take place from July 4-7 and will mark the first official PGA TOUR event in Minnesota since the 2009 PGA Championship at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska.

Minnesota Connections

Two-time winner of the Charles Schwab Cup (2011, 2012) and co-designer of the TPC Twin Cities with Arnold Palmer, **Tom Lehman** is a former University of Minnesota star and will compete in the event for the eighth time. Lehman is a native of August, Minn., and was a three-time (1979-81) All-American in golf in college. **John Harris** is another University of Minnesota grad who played both hockey and golf and won the Big Ten championship in 1974, the same year the hockey team won the NCAA title. Harris was also a two-time All-American in golf at Minnesota. **Lee Janzen** is another native of Austin, Minn., and **Rocco Mediate** resides part of the year in the Twin Cities as his wife, Jessica, is from the area.

Big Win in the Big Ten

Joey Sindelar, competing for Ohio State, won the 1981 Big Ten Conference title at the University of Minnesota's Bolstad Golf Course, beating Minnesota's **Tom Lehman** by five strokes for the crown.

Look out for Lehman

Tom Lehman will tee off in his eighth start at the 3M Championship. In his first appearance in 2011, Lehman finished runner-up to Jay Haas. Since, he has posted three finishes in the top 10. This year on PGA TOUR Champions, he won the Principal Charity Classic and holds six top-10 finishes across 15 events played. Lehman has 11 victories on PGA TOUR Champions and 11 runner-up finishes. He sits No. 13 on the Charles Schwab Cup money list.

Media availability: Thursday, 3:00 p.m. CT (media center)

Goydos Going for Two

Defending champions **Paul Goydos** will have the opportunity for the fifth time in his career to defend a title on PGA TOUR Champions. Goydos has not yet accomplished the feat. This is his fifth start at the 3M Championship, with his worst finish coming in 2016 at T17. Goydos has never recorded a round over par at TPC Twin Cities.

This year on PGA TOUR Champions, Goydos has made 15 appearances, holding one runner-up finish at the Insuperity Invitation alongside three top-10s.

Media availability: Thursday 10:00 a.m. CT (media center)

Gamez Gets Going on the PGA TOUR Champions

Robert Gamez will make his PGA TOUR Champions debut in the United States this week at the 3M Championship. On the PGA TOUR, Gamez recorded three victories with eight runner-up finishes and nearly 100 finishes inside the top 25. However, he is most known for his historic shot on the 18th fairway when he holed a 7-iron from 176 yards for an eagle-2 to win at Bay Hill 25 years ago (March 25, 1990). Gamez's last victory was at the 2005 Valero Texas Open where he beat Olin Browne by three strokes. His last appearance on the PGA TOUR was the Corales Puntacana Resort and Club Championship where he missed the cut.

Gamez missed the cut last week in his PGA TOUR Champions debut at The Senior Open Championship.

Media availability: Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. CT (media center)

Perry Plays for the Prize at 3M Championship

Kenny Perry will compete in the event for the eighth time. He became the first to successfully defend his title when he tallied back-to-back victories in 2014 and 2015. In 21 rounds at this event, Perry has six finishes in the top 10 and has only one round over par coming in 2016 with an opening round 1-over 73. This season, Perry has two top-10 finishes with his best coming at the Insuperity Invitational where he finished T5. In nine years on PGA TOUR Champions, Perry has at least one victory in six seasons.

Perry ranks third in all-time career money leaders at the 3M Championship with \$884,070.84.

Rank	Player	Money
1	Hale Irwin	1,248,993.05
2	Bernhard Langer	1,129,143.75
3	Kenny Perry	884,070.84
4	Gil Morgan	846,946.42
5	Tom Kite	780,588.96
6	Craig Stadler	623,256.66
7	Jay Haas	586,891.67
8	Tom Purtzer	522,526.67
9	D.A. Weibring	488,184.38
10	Graham Marsh	475,361.41

Triplett Threat

Kirk Triplett enters the week off a T3 finish at The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex. This year he has a victory at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge alongside Paul Broadhurst and four finishes in the top 10. In six starts at the 3M Championship, Triplett has two top-10 finishes and only two rounds over par.

Throughout the duration of his PGA TOUR Champions career, Triplett owns six victories, five runner-up finishes and 49 finishes in the top-10. He sits at No. 16 on the Charles Schwab Cup money list.

TPC Twin Cities by the Numbers

- **Hardest hole (2017):** No. 13 (par-3, 209 yards) – 3.125 average (22 birdies, 163 pars, 43 bogeys); it was the 97th hardest hole on Tour.
- **Easiest hole (2017):** No. 3 (par-5, 546 yards) – 4.375 average (6 eagles, 140 birdies, 79 pars); it was the 5th easiest hole on Tour.

Year	R1	R2	R3	Overall Average (Rank)
2017	70.808	67.883*	69.143	69.284 (3 rd)

*lowest round of the year

PGA TOUR Champions – 2018 Season Overview

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older, including 35 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 2018, the PGA TOUR Champions schedule includes 27 tournaments across the United States, Scotland and Canada, with purses totaling more than \$56 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 in excess of 190 countries and territories, reaching more than 330 million potential households. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at PGATOUR.com, [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(@ChampionsTour\)](#) and [Instagram \(@pgatourchampions\)](#).

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

In 2017, Kevin Sutherland became just the third player to win the Charles Schwab Cup Championship and the Charles Schwab Cup in the same season. His breakthrough win at the season-ending event was the first of his PGA TOUR Champions career, and it was enough for him to surpass Bernhard Langer, who had won the Charles Schwab Cup the previous three years.

The third edition of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs will begin with 72 players at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic (Oct. 15-21). The top 54 will advance to the following week's Invesco QQQ Championship, and the season will conclude with the top 36 players at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship (Nov. 5-11).

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 three 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 Invesco QQQ Championship, the top 36 players will qualify for the season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship. The player with the most points at the conclusion of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship will win the Charles Schwab Cup.

2018 Rookie Class

For players to become eligible to compete for PGA TOUR Champions events they must turn 50 years of age by the first competition round. If a player plays less than six tournaments in his first season of eligibility, he is considered a rookie the following season. Newcomers for 2018 with at least one PGA TOUR win include:

- Brent Geiberger (May 22)
- **Robert Gamez (July 21)**
- Dudley Hart (August 4)
- Darren Clarke (August 14)
- Chris DiMarco (August 23)

Upcoming rookie classes include:

- 2019 – Retief Goosen (February 3), Angel Cabrera (September 12), Ernie Els (October 17)
- 2020 – Jim Furyk (May 12), Mike Weir (May 12), K.J. Choi (May 19), Phil Mickelson (June 16)

PGA TOUR Champions – 2018 Schedule

1. **Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai:** Jerry Kelly birdied the 18th hole in the final round to turn a one-shot deficit into a one-shot victory over Colin Montgomerie. Leading by one on No. 18, Montgomerie found the fairway bunker off the tee and missed the green with his approach. After Kelly made his 18-foot birdie putt, Montgomerie had a chance to force a playoff, but his six-foot par putt slid by the hole.

2. **Boca Raton Championship:** Mark Calcavecchia captured his fourth PGA TOUR Champions title in wire-to-wire fashion, finishing two shots better than Bernhard Langer. Langer, who trailed by as many as four on Sunday, evened the score at 16-under with two holes to play, but he bogeyed the last two holes and finished second. The win was Calcavecchia's first since the 2015 Principal Charity Classic.
3. **Chubb Classic:** Over the last six holes at the Chubb Classic, Joe Durant and Steve Stricker traded two two-shot swings and one three-shot swing. In the end, it was Durant's birdie-birdie finish that produced a 19-under total and four-shot victory, the third of his PGA TOUR Champions career and first since the 2016 3M Championship.
4. **Cologuard Classic:** One year after bogeying No. 18 and finishing runner-up in his PGA TOUR Champions debut, Steve Stricker parred the closing hole en route to a 14-under total and two-stroke victory. It was his first win in his eighth start on Tour, and it was his first victory since the 2012 Sentry Tournament of Champions.
5. **Toshiba Classic:** As many as six players shared the lead Sunday, and Vijay Singh was the last man standing as his five back-nine birdies helped him post an 11-under total and a one-shot victory. It was his first individual win since the Dell Technologies Championship on September 1, 2008, and he had played 237 individual tournaments since that triumph. Singh is the first FedExCup champion (2008) to win on PGA TOUR Champions.
6. **Rapiscan Systems Classic:** For the first time, Steve Stricker claimed consecutive titles on PGA TOUR Champions with his 11-under-par effort at the Rapiscan Systems Classic. Stricker held a one-stroke lead through the front nine on Sunday before making four back-nine birdies to secure the title. His 4-under 68 on Sunday was his 25th consecutive round of par or better (the longest active streak on Tour) and kept his stat of never carding a round over par on PGA TOUR Champions intact.
7. **Mitsubishi Electric Classic:** With a birdie on the second extra hole, Steve Flesch prevailed in a three-man playoff and won the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, his first win on PGA TOUR Champions. Flesch birdied No. 18 to get into a playoff with Bernhard Langer and Scott Parel, and he birdied it twice more in the playoff, first eliminating Langer on the first extra hole, and then Parel. Because of inclement weather in Sunday's forecast, both the second and final rounds were played on Saturday.
8. **Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge:** Kirk Triplett holed a bunker shot for birdie on the first playoff hole to secure the victory with partner Paul Broadhurst at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge. The team of Bernhard Langer and Tom Lehman birdied five of their last seven holes (best ball) to get into a playoff at 24-under, but they settled for second place after they both missed birdie putts in sudden death.
9. **Insperty Invitational:** Bernhard Langer saved par on the 54th hole to win wire-to-wire and claim his fourth victory at the Insperty Invitational. Langer led by one through 36 holes, but he started the final round 2-over through eight holes and fell four shots off the pace. He played the last 10 holes bogey free, and birdies on Nos. 9, 10, 13 and 15 gave him an 11-under total and a one-shot win over Paul Goydos, Bart Bryant and Jeff Maggert.
10. **Regions Tradition:** Miguel Angel Jimenez birdied Nos. 16 and 18 to break a three-way tie for the lead and win his first major title. Jimenez had at least a share of the lead after every round, and his 19-under total was three shots better than Steve Stricker, Joe Durant and Gene Sauers. It was Jimenez's fifth win on PGA TOUR Champions, and he extended his streak to five straight years with a victory.
11. **KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship:** Paul Broadhurst carded weekend rounds of 64-63 and won the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship by four strokes with a tournament record-tying total of 19-under 265. Broadhurst's 8-under 63 on Sunday erased the two-shot advantage held by the 54-hole co-leaders, Scott McCarron and Tim Petrovic.
12. **Principal Charity Classic:** After recording a second-round 65, Tom Lehman took a two-shot lead through 36 holes at the Principal Charity Classic. That lead turned into his margin of victory, as severe weather in Des

Moines forced the cancellation of the final round and Lehman earned his 11th win on PGA TOUR Champions. Lehman's 13-under 131 total set the tournament's 36-hole scoring record at Wakonda Club, and it was two shots better than Bernhard Langer, Scott Parel, Woody Austin and Glen Day.

13. **American Family Insurance Championship:** Scott McCarron carded an 8-under-par 64 for a one-stroke victory over Wisconsin native Jerry Kelly. The seven-time PGA TOUR Champions winner birdied Nos. 14 through 16 and with pars on the final two holes took the American Family Insurance title with a 15-under-par 201 score. Tournament host Steve Stricker finished T3 with a 7-under-par 65 clean card on Sunday.
14. **U.S. Senior Open:** David Toms made a 15-foot birdie putt to take the lead at No. 16, then a long par putt at No. 17 on his way to a one-shot victory Sunday at the U.S. Senior Open. Toms' two-putt par on No. 18 closed out his final round of even-par 70. His 3-under-par 277 finish claimed his first victory on PGA TOUR Champions over Miguel Angel Jimenez (69), Tim Petrovic (70) and Jerry Kelly (72), who led after each of the first three rounds.
15. **Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship:** Vijay Singh birdied the second playoff hole to defeat Jeff Maggert and win the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, his third win on PGA TOUR Champions and first senior major. Singh started the final round one shot behind in fourth place, and he carded a final-round 67 to earn a spot in the playoff at 20-under. With the win, Singh earned an exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship in 2019.
16. **The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex:** Miguel Angel Jimenez made a 12-foot par putt on St. Andrews' 17th hole to preserve a one-stroke lead, and a par on No. 18 gave him the victory over defending champion Bernhard Langer at The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex. Jimenez closed with a final-round 69 and finished with a 12-under total for his second major victory of the year on PGA TOUR Champions.
17. 3M Championship
18. DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
19. Boeing Classic
20. Shaw Charity Classic
21. Ally Challenge
22. The Sanford International
23. PURE Insurance Championship
24. SAS Championship
25. Dominion Energy Charity Classic
26. Invesco QQQ Championship
27. Charles Schwab Cup Championship