



### Boeing Classic

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#### Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Par 72 / 7,264 yards)

**Purse:** \$2,100,000

#### **Golf Channel Television Coverage (all times Eastern):**

- Friday: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

#### Field Overview (as of August 22, 2018)

The 14<sup>th</sup>-annual Boeing Classic will feature eight of the top-10 players on the Charles Schwab Cup money list, including leader and defending champion **Jerry Kelly**. Six past champions of the Boeing Classic will compete in this year's event, including two-time winners **Bernhard Langer** (No. 4) and **Tom Kite**. Kite is the only player in the field to have played the event each year. **Darren Clarke**, who turned 50-years-old on August 14, and **Chris DiMarco**, who will turn 50-years-old on August 23, will make their PGA TOUR Champions debuts.

Boeing Classic Champion	Year	Score
Jerry Kelly	2017	197 (-19)
Bernhard Langer	2016	203 (-13)
Billy Andrade	2015	207 (-9)
Scott Dunlap	2014	200 (-16)
John Riegger	2013	201 (-15)
Jay Don Blake	2012	206 (-10)
Mark Calcavecchia	2011	202 (-14)
Bernhard Langer	2010	198 (-18)
Loren Roberts	2009	198 (-18)
Tom Kite	2008	202 (-14)
Denis Watson	2007	207 (-9)
Tom Kite	2006	201 (-15)
David Eger	2005	199 (-17)

#### **Field Highlights:**

- 22 of the top-25 on the Charles Schwab Cup money list
- 55 PGA TOUR winners with 281 total career victories
- 51 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 201 total career victories
- 14 players with a PGA TOUR major victory, 19 with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory

#### 2017 Recap: Kelly Claims his First Victory on PGA TOUR Champions

**Jerry Kelly** won the Boeing Classic for his first PGA TOUR Champions title, closing with a 6-under 66 for a one-stroke victory over Jerry Smith. Kelly opened with a 65 for a share of the lead and has a 66 on Saturday to take a three-stroke

advantage into the final round. He finished with a tournament-record 19-under 197 at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge. It was Kelly's 13<sup>th</sup> start on PGA TOUR Champions.

### **Kelly Keeps Momentum**

**Jerry Kelly** will make his first start since the end of July when he finished T14 at The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex. Prior to that, he had posted six consecutive top-10s, including back-to-back runner-up finishes at the American Family Insurance Championship and the U.S. Senior Open. He has led the Charles Schwab Cup standings nine weeks this season, the most on Tour, and he leads by just \$47,041 over Miguel Angel Jimenez entering this week.

This week will be Kelly's first as a defending champion on PGA TOUR Champions. On the PGA TOUR, Kelly won three times, and he posted two top-five finishes when he returned as the tournament's defending champion (T4/2003 Sony Open, T3/2003 Western Open). Boeing Classic champions have posted four top-10s the year after their wins, with the best being Bernhard Langer's T3 finish last year.

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

### **Couples Connection**

**Fred Couples** will make his eighth start in his hometown event. The only PGA TOUR Champions event he's played more often is the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (9). He has three third-place finishes at the Boeing Classic (2010, 2013, 2015), and last year a second-round 66 helped him finish T20. This season, he has two top-10s in four starts, and most recently he finished T21 at The Senior Open Championship.

**Related:** [Even at 58, a healthy Fred Couples is a force to be reckoned with at hometown Boeing Classic](#)

*Media availability: Thursday, 12:00 p.m. PST (range)*

### **Duo Make Debut**

**Darren Clarke**, who turned 50 years old on August 14, and **Chris DiMarco**, who will turn 50 on August 23, will make their PGA TOUR Champions debuts this week at the Boeing Classic. Both own three victories on the PGA TOUR. DiMarco's came in three consecutive years (2000-2002), with his latest at the 2002 Waste Management Phoenix Open. Clarke's most recent came in 2011 at The Open Championship for his first major win.

Should one go on to win, they would join David Eger, the tournament's inaugural champion in 2005, Denis Watson, a winner in 2007, John Riegger, the 2013 champion, and Scott Dunlap (2014) to win the Boeing Classic in their first appearance in the event. Miguel Angel Jimenez is the last player to win in his first start on PGA TOUR Champions (2014 Mitsubishi Electric Classic).

*Clarke media availability: Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. PST (media center)*

### **Langer Looking for Third Boeing Classic Title**

The Boeing Classic is one of eight tournaments Langer has won more than once, and a third victory this week would make this tournament the sixth he's won at least three times. In May, the Insuperity Invitational became the first tournament he won four times.

- Insuperity Invitational (4 – 2007, 2008, 2014, 2018)
- Mitsubishi Electric Classic at Hualalai (3 – 2009, 2014, 2017)
- Chubb Classic (3 – 2011, 2013, 2016)
- The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex (3 – 2010, 2014, 2017)
- Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship (3 – 2014, 2015, 2016)
- Regions Tradition (2 – 2016, 2017)
- 3M Championship (2 – 2009, 2012)
- Boeing Classic (2 – 2010, 2016)

In addition to his Insperity Invitational victory, the 37th of his career, Langer has finished second five times, bringing his career total to 32. The four-time Charles Schwab Cup champion is coming off a T10 finish at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, and he enters the week No. 4 in the standings.

Earlier this week, it was announced that Langer is the recipient of the 2018 Payne Stewart Award, presented annually by the PGA TOUR to a professional golfer who best exemplifies Stewart's steadfast values of character, charity and sportsmanship. Langer will be honored on Tuesday, September 18, at the Payne Stewart Award Ceremony in conjunction with the TOUR Championship. The ceremony will be televised live on Golf Channel as part of a "Golf Central" special from 7-8 p.m. ET.

### **Leaders Come Late**

In the 13-year history of the Boeing Classic, only one first-round leader has gone on to victory (**Jerry Kelly**, 2017). Second-round leaders have gone on to win the Boeing Classic eight times in 13 years, including seven of the last nine years. The exceptions were in 2012 when **Jay Don Blake** came from three back of 36-hole leader **Tom Jenkins** then beat **Mark O'Meara** in a playoff and last year when **Bernhard Langer** came from four strokes back over 36-hole leader **Gene Sauers** to win in a playoff.

### **Remember When...**

It was 11 years ago that the Boeing Classic was the site of the largest playoff in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event as seven players participated in the record-setting event. **Denis Watson** sank an 18-foot eagle putt on the second playoff hole to end the largest playoff in the history of the TOUR. Watson was one of seven players who started the playoff one hole earlier. After **Gil Morgan**, **Dana Quigley**, **David Eger** and **Joe Ozaki** were eliminated, Watson joined **Craig Stadler** and **R.W. Eaks** for a second hole after chipping in from 23 feet for a birdie on the first extra hole. Moments later, he sank an 18-foot downhill putt to become the first PGA TOUR Champions player at the time to win a playoff with an eagle since **Lee Elder** won the 1985 Merrill Lynch Golf Digest Commemorative. **Ray Stewart**, who led the event by four strokes after 36 holes, narrowly missed the playoff, falling one stroke shy. His undoing came on Nos. 15 and 17 when he made double bogeys on each of the holes.

### **The Cub at Snoqualmie Ridge by the Numbers**

- **Hardest hole (2017):** No. 3 (par-4, 439 yards) – 4.185 average (24 birdies, 149 pars, 53 bogeys); it was the 54<sup>th</sup> hardest hole on Tour.
- **Easiest hole (2017):** No. 1 (par-5, 554 yards) – 4.616 average (5 eagles, 97 birdies, 116 pars); it was the 37<sup>th</sup> easiest hole on Tour.

<b>Year</b>	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>Overall Average</b>
2017	71.769	70.857	70.779	71.138

## *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](http://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:** Kenny Perry built a five-shot lead after carding a second-round 60, and he closed with a 3-under 69 to seal a three-shot victory at the 3M Championship. The win was his third in eight starts at TPC Twin Cities, making him the tournament's second three-time champion (Hale Irwin – 1997, 1999, 2002), and it was his 10th career win on PGA TOUR Champions.
18. **DICK'S Sporting Goods Open:** Bart Bryant made a 40-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to secure a one-shot victory over Michael Bradley at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open. Bryant became the first repeat winner in tournament history (2013, 2018), and both of his wins on PGA TOUR Champions have come at this event.
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