



CHAMPIONS

DICK'S Sporting Goods Open

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: En-Joie Golf Club (Par 72 / 6,974 yards)

Course Designer: Ernie Smith (1927)

Purse: \$2,050,000 (Winner: \$307,500)

Golf Channel Coverage (all times Eastern):

- Friday: 6-8 p.m. (tape delay)
- Saturday and Sunday: 3-5 p.m. (live)

Field Overview (as of 8/14/17)

The 12th-annual DICK'S Sporting Goods Open will return to En-Joie Golf Club, which hosted the PGA TOUR's B.C. Open from 1972-2005. The 78-player field includes six of the top-10 players in the Charles Schwab Cup, including defending champion **Scott McCarron**, who is currently No. 5 in the standings. **Kenny Perry** will compete in Endicott fresh off his win at the 3M Championship, and **Miguel Angel Jimenez** will make his first start since winning The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex, his second major victory of the season. The international contingent also includes **Bernhard Langer**, **Colin Montgomerie** and **Paul Broadhurst**, while the Americans are led by U.S. Senior Open champion **David Toms**.

- 53 PGA TOUR winners with 279 total career victories
- 49 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 215 total career victories
- 18 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 11 with a PGA TOUR major

McCarron as a Defending Champ

Last year, **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. It was third of four victories in 2017, and he went on to finish third in the final Charles Schwab Cup standings.

This season, McCarron recorded four top-five finishes in major championships and he won the American Family Insurance Championship, his seventh career victory. In all, he has nine top-10s and he is fifth in the Charles Schwab Cup.

This week will be McCarron's fifth start as a defending champion. He has three top-10s in his first four title defenses:

- T2 – 2017 Principal Charity Classic
- T8 – 2017 Dominion Energy Charity Classic
- T24 – 2018 Boca Raton Championship
- T4 – 2018 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship

A Tough Title Defense

The DICK'S Sporting Goods Open has crowned 11 different champions. Additionally, the tournament's defending champion has never finished inside the top 10 the following year. The best finish was by Bart Bryant, who won in 2013 and finished T14 the next year.

Year	Defending Champion	Finish
2017	Paul Goydos	T47
2016	Jeff Maggert	T36
2015	Bernhard Langer	T20
2014	Bart Bryant	T14
2013	Willie Wood	T60
2012	John Huston	T21
2011	Loren Roberts	DNP
2010	Lonnie Nielsen	T30
2009	Eduardo Romero	T15
2008	R.W. Eaks	T46

B.C. Open Champions in the Field

Eight players in the field won the B.C. Open when it was played at En-Joie from 1972-2005: **Spike McRoy** (2002), **Jeff Sluman** (2001), **Fred Funk** (1996), **John Daly** (1992), **Joey Sindelar** (1987, 1985), **Wayne Levi** (1984), **Jay Haas** (1981) and **Tom Kite** (1978). This year will be the 46th PGA TOUR-sanctioned event at En-Joie Golf Club. It hosted the B.C. Open 34 times, and this will be the 12th playing of the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.

Family Ties

- **Gibby Gilbert III** and his father **Gibby Gilbert** – the Gilberts will be the first father-son tandem to play in the same PGA TOUR Champions event. The elder Gilbert, 77, has six wins in 400 starts on PGA TOUR Champions, while his son, 52, will make his 13th start on Tour.
- Brothers **Jay Haas** and **Jerry Haas** – Jay has 18 career wins on PGA TOUR Champions, while Jerry has been the men's golf coach at Wake Forest since 1997. Jerry's professional career includes three wins on the Web.com Tour, and this will be his eighth start on PGA TOUR Champions. He earned entry after he shot a 3-under 69 in the Monday qualifier at The Links at Hiawatha Landing.
- Brothers **Brad Bryant** and **Bart Bryant** – Brad has four wins on PGA TOUR Champions, including the 2007 U.S. Senior Open, while Bart's lone win came at the 2013 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.

Europeans in Endicott

European players occupy three of the top-six spots in the Charles Schwab Cup, and all three will compete in Endicott.

- This week will be **Miguel Angel Jimenez's** first start since winning The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex at St. Andrews. He also won the Regions Traditions in May, and his two major victories have helped him climb to No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup. He was the only player to post top-10 finishes in all five majors this season, and he finished with a Tour-best 68.40 scoring average in majors. In his DICK'S Sporting Goods Open debut last year, Jimenez carded rounds of 72-68-67 and finished T13.
- **Bernhard Langer** won the 2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, and this year will mark his seventh start at En-Joie Golf Club. This year on PGA TOUR Champions, he won the Insperity Invitational, his 37th career victory, and he has five runner-up finishes. He has at least one victory in each of his 12 seasons, the longest streak in Tour history, and another win this year would make this his seventh consecutive multi-win season. The four-time winner of the Charles Schwab Cup is currently No. 4 in the standings.
- **Paul Broadhurst** is one of four players with multiple wins this season. He partnered with Kirk Triplett to win the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge, and he closed with weekend rounds of 64-63 to win the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, his second career major. In all, he has four top-10s this season and is currently No. 6 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

A Hart-Warming Debut

Dudley Hart turned 50 on August 4 and the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open will be his PGA TOUR Champions debut. Hart won twice on the PGA TOUR, the 1996 RBC Canadian Open and the 2000 Honda Classic, and his best season was 2008 when he finished 12th in the FedExCup and won more than \$2.2 million.

Miguel Angel Jimenez is the last player to win in his first start on PGA TOUR Champions (2014 Mitsubishi Electric Classic). How other notable players have fared in their PGA TOUR Champions debuts since 2016:

Player	Finish	Debut Tournament
Robert Gamez	MC	2018 Senior Open Championship
Spike McRoy	MC	2018 Senior Open Championship
Len Mattiace	T69	2018 Cologuard Classic
Peter Lonard	T3	2017 Senior Open Championship
Steve Flesch	MC	2017 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
Jay Williamson	MC	2017 U.S. Senior Open
Kent Jones	T58	2017 Mitsubishi Electric Classic
Steve Stricker	2nd	2017 Cologuard Classic
Bob Estes	T23	2017 Cologuard Classic
Jerry Kelly	T3	2017 Chubb Classic
Jose Maria Olazabal	T41	2017 Boca Raton Championship
David Toms	T4	2017 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
Tim Petrovic	T18	2016 Boeing Classic
Billy Mayfair	T2	2016 U.S. Senior Open
John Daly	T17	2016 Insuperity Invitational

DICK'S Sporting Goods Open in the PGA TOUR Champions Record Book

- **Kevin Sutherland** carded a 13-under 59 in the second round of the 2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open. It is the only sub-60 round in PGA TOUR Champions history.
- **Bernhard Langer** was bogey-free for the entire tournament en route to his victory in 2014. Only 19 tournaments have been won by players going bogey-free.
- **Willie Wood**, winner of the 2012 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, is the last Open Qualifier to win on Tour.
- Making his third career start, **John Huston** won the 2011 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open at the age of 50 years, 25 days. He is the 13th-youngest winner in Tour history.

En-Joie Course Statistics

Easiest Hole: The 545-yard, par-5 12th has ranked as the easiest hole 10 of the 11 years. Last year, the hole yielded seven eagles and 92 birdies against just seven bogeys, and it played to a 4.573 average.

Hardest Hole: In 2017, the 441-yard 11th hole was the hardest hole (4.194), yielding just 23 birdies against 54 bogeys and seven double bogeys. Overall, it was the 48th-hardest hole on Tour last year.

	R1	R2	R3	Total (Rank)
2017	70.769	71.091	71.104	70.986 (16th of 26)
2016	71.225	71.938	72.911	72.021 (12th of 26)
2015	71.713	70.797	71.000	71.173 (19th of 24)
2014	70.840	70.313	72.388	71.179 (17th of 26)
2013	71.513	69.725	70.582	70.605 (23rd of 26)
2012	71.050	71.772	71.449	71.424 (20th of 24)
2011	71.600	70.848	70.570	71.008 (17th of 24)
2010	71.372	70.662	70.653	70.901 (18th of 26)
2009	70.641	70.286	70.355	70.430 (23rd of 25)
2008	71.359	70.390	70.442	70.732 (26th of 29)
2007	73.641	71.436	71.846	72.308 (11th of 30)

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:** 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
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