

Invesco QQQ Championship

Sherwood Country Club | Thousand Oaks, California | October 23-29, 2018

Tournament 2 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

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Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** Sherwood Country Club (Par 72 / 7,059 yards)
- **Designed by:** Jack Nicklaus (1989)
- **Purse:** \$2,000,000 (Winner: \$305,000 / 610,000 points)
- Schwab Cup Points: Every dollar earned is equivalent to 2 points in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- **Golf Channel Coverage:** 2:30 p.m. 5 p.m. PST (Friday Sunday)
- Social Media: @InvescoQQChamp (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook)

Field Overview (as of 10/23/18)

The third-annual Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs continue in Thousand Oaks, California, at the Invesco QQQ Championship. The field is headlined by Schwab Cup leader and defending champion **Bernhard Langer**. **Miguel Angel Jimenez** checks in at No. 2 with two wins this season (Regions Tradition, The Senior Open Championship Presented by Rolex) and 12 finishes in the top 10. **Jerry Kelly**, **Scott McCarron** and **David Toms** are currently in the top-five and in position to control their own destinies in Phoenix. **David McKenzie** holds the 54th position in the 51-player field and at 249,797 points behind No. 36 Jay Haas, would need to finish in the top-two to earn a spot in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

- 35 PGA TOUR winners with 205 total career victories
- 40 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 184 total career victories
- 16 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 8 with a PGA TOUR major
- 4 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame (Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara, Vijay Singh)

2017 Recap: Langer Putts for the Playoff Prize

Bernhard Langer made a 25-foot birdie putt on the second playoff hole to defeat Miguel Angel Jimenez and win the Invesco QQQ Championship, the second tournament of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs. He was 1-over though four holes and trailed Scott McCarron by three strokes. At 5-under on his final 14 holes, Langer took a two-shot lead after birdies on Nos. 12, 13 and 14. Jimenez chipped in for eagle on No. 16 and tied the score, but both players had a chance to





win with a birdie on the last hole of regulation. After Jimenez missed his 20-foot birdie putt, Langer's 15-foot birdie putt lipped out 360 degrees, and the tap-in par set-up the sudden-death playoff. The win was Langer's seventh of the season and second in a row, as he made an 18-foot eagle putt on the 54th hole to win by one at the first Playoffs event, the Dominion Energy Charity Classic. He became the first player to win multiple Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs events, and the first to win back-to-back.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Overview

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 Playoffs 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.

- October 16-22 | Dominion Energy Charity Classic Winner: Woody Austin
- October 25-28 | Invesco QQQ Championship (Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, California)
- November 7-11 | Charles Schwab Cup Championship (Phoenix Country Club, Phoenix, Arizona)

Seven New Players Advance to Second Playoff Event

Among the 51 players in the field are seven players that qualified for the second Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs event for the first time.

- **11. Tim Petrovic** (1,225,648 points) Petrovic opened the Dominion Energy Charity Classic with a 4-under 68, just his second under-par opening round in his last seven starts. He followed up his first-round score with a 72 in R2 and R3, finishing the tournament at T23. He enters this week ranked No. 11 and is the highest-ranked player without a win on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **23. Ken Tanigawa** (775,792 points) A rookie this year on PGA TOUR Champions, Tanigawa is the only rookie that has won this season, as he eagled the 18th hole at Pebble Beach to capture a one-stroke victory at the PURE Insurance Championship. Tanigawa, a two-time Arizona State Amateur champion (2015, 2017), turned pro after he earned fully-exempt status through Q-School last December.
- **32. Kent Jones** (651,644 points) Last week in the first leg of the Playoffs in Richmond Jones closed with three straight birdies and shot 70, finished at 9-under for the event. The T3 finish was Jones' best of the season. Jones, who earned status this season via PGA TOUR Champions QSchool, has 10 top-25 finishes this season and improved from 44th to 32nd in the standings.
- **37. Tom Gillis** (599,060 points) Michigan native Tom Gillis finished T6 at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, his fifth top-10 in seven starts this season, and improved from 41st to 37th in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- **38. Bob Estes** (567,220 points) Three-time PGA TOUR winner Bob Estes moved back four spots in the standings after his T28 finish last week at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, entering this week at No. 38.
- **48. Michael Bradley** (420,985 points) Bradley, who was the seventh alternate and earned entry when Bill Glasson withdrew, finished second at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open. He led by two at the start of the final round and he finished at 15-under after carding a final-round 68. It was his best finish on PGA TOUR Champions and his third career top 10.
- **49.** Tommy Tolles (391,992 points) Tolles, who turned 52 this past Sunday on October 21, finished T45 at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic moving him from No. 47 to No. 49 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Woody Wins First Round of Playoffs

Trailing by three at the start of the final round, **Woody Austin** birdied the 18th hole for a final-round 69 and a one-stroke victory over defending champion Bernhard Langer at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic. The win improved Austin from No. 19 to No. 8 in the Charles Schwab Cup with two events remaining in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs. The win





was Austin's fourth on PGA TOUR Champions and first since he won three times in 2016. Austin has eight top-10s this season, including five in his last eight starts.

Sutherland's Schwab Cup Defense Continues at Sherwood

Kevin Sutherland is the reigning Charles Schwab Cup champion and he'll begin the second Playoffs event No. 15 in the standings. One of his season highlights came at the Boeing Classic, where he carded a second-round 60 and finished second, the best finish among his eight top-10s this year. This week will mark his 100th start on Tour, and he has posted 46 top-10s since turning 50 in July 2014. He's been among the top-five in greens in regulation the last four seasons, and this year he ranks second (78.87%) behind Tom Lehman.

Last year, Sutherland became the third player to win the Charles Schwab Cup Championship and the Charles Schwab Cup in the same season, joining Tom Watson (2005) and **Tom Lehman** (2012). In all, this year's field includes five players that have won 10 Charles Schwab Cups: Sutherland (2017), **Bernhard Langer** (2010, 2014, 2015, 2016), **Kenny Perry** (2013), Lehman (2011, 2012) and **Jay Haas** (2006, 2008).

Push Past Two

Since the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs began in 2016, eight players have posted top-10s in at least half of the Playoffs events. **Scott McCarron** leads the way with top-10s in five of the six Playoffs events, while the list also includes the last two Charles Schwab Cup champions, **Bernhard Langer** (4) and **Kevin Sutherland** (3).

| Playoffs | Dlavon | Invesco QQQ Championship | | |
|----------|------------------|--------------------------|------|--|
| Top-10s | Player | 2016 | 2017 | |
| 5 | Scott McCarron | T6 | 4th | |
| 4 | Bernhard Langer | - | Win | |
| 4 | Doug Garwood | T10 | T5 | |
| 3 | Kevin Sutherland | T17 | T27 | |
| 3 | Paul Goydos | T54 | T29 | |
| 3 | Brandt Jobe | T10 | T46 | |
| 3 | Duffy Waldorf | T45 | T29 | |
| 3 | Joe Durant | T6 | T29 | |

Rookies Rally into Second Playoff Event

Among the top-54 players, three have advanced from their first appearance in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs. Entering dominion, six PGA TOUR Champions players were competing in the Playoffs for the first time. **Ken Tanigawa**, **Tommy Tolles** and **Tom Gillis** advanced, while Mike Small, Clarke Dennis and Dan Forsman were left behind in Richmond.

- **Ken Tanigawa** (23rd) is the only rookie that has won this season, as he eagled the 18th hole at Pebble Beach to capture a one-stroke victory at the PURE Insurance Championship. Tanigawa, a two-time Arizona State Amateur champion (2015, 2017), <u>turned pro after he earned fully-exempt status</u> through Q-School last December.
- Including Tanigawa, four of five Q-School graduates earned a spot into the second round of this year's Playoffs. **Tommy Tolles** (49th) will make his Invesco QQQ Championship debut, while Tim Petrovic (10th) and Tom Byrum (45th) qualified for their first and second times, respectively.
- **Tom Gillis** (37th) turned 50 on July 16 and is the youngest player in the field, and he is No. 37 after playing just six regular events and finishing T6 last week at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic.





Bubble Watch: 36 Players to Advance to Charles Schwab Cup Championship

After Sunday's final round, the top-36 players in the standings will qualify for the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. Last year, **Wes Short Jr.** was the only player to start outside the top-36 (40th) and move into the top-36 and earn a spot in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

| Player | Points | Points from No. 36 |
|-----------------------|---------|--------------------|
| 32. Kent Jones | 651,644 | 48,574 |
| 33. Rocco Mediate | 637,522 | 34,452 |
| 34. Billy Mayfair | 636,505 | 33,435 |
| 35. Mark Calcavecchia | 624,677 | 21,607 |
| 36. Jay Haas | 603,070 | - |
| 37. Tom Gillis | 599,060 | - 4,010 |
| 38. Bob Estes | 567,220 | -35,850 |
| 39. Jesper Parnevik | 561,490 | -41,580 |
| 49. Jerry Smith | 546,954 | -56,116 |

Other Field Notes

- **Kirk Triplett** has recorded 22 consecutive rounds of par or better, the longest active streak on Tour.
- 51 of 54 players who qualified for the Invesco QQQ Championship are committed to play. Missing from the field: Steve Stricker (No. 12), Bart Bryant (No. 28), Steve Flesch (No. 47).

By the Numbers: Sherwood Country Club

Hardest hole (2017): No. 14 (par 4, 446 yards) – 4.377 average, 14 birdies, 11th-hardest hole on Tour. **Easiest hole (2017):** No. 13 (par 5, 550 yards) – 4.630 average, 1 eagle, 58 birdies, 44th easiest Par-5 on Tour.

| Year | R1 | R2 | R3 | Total |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2017 | 72.250 | 71.451 | 71.784 | 71.831 |
| 2016 | 71.206 | 71.029 | 70.791 | 72.000 |

Charles Schwab Cup History

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.

| | Champion | Runner-up |
|------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2017 | Kevin Sutherland | Bernhard Langer |
| 2016 | Bernhard Langer | Colin Montgomerie |
| 2015 | Bernhard Langer | Colin Montgomerie |
| 2014 | Bernhard Langer | Colin Montgomerie |
| 2013 | Kenny Perry | Bernhard Langer |
| 2012 | Tom Lehman | Bernhard Langer |
| 2011 | Tom Lehman | Mark Calcavecchia |
| 2010 | Bernhard Langer | Fred Couples |
| 2009 | Loren Roberts | John Cook |
| 2008 | Jay Haas | Fred Funk |
| 2007 | Loren Roberts | Jay Haas |





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| 2006 | Jay Haas | Loren Roberts |
|------|-------------|----------------|
| 2005 | Tom Watson | Dana Quigley |
| 2004 | Hale Irwin | Craig Stadler |
| 2003 | Tom Watson | Jim Thorpe |
| 2002 | Hale Irwin | Bob Gilder |
| 2001 | Allen Doyle | Bruce Fleisher |



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Tournament Recaps

- 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. **Insperity Invitational:** Bernhard Langer saved par on the 54th hole to win wire-to-wire and claim his fourth victory at the Insperity 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 25-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:** Scott Parel birdied the final six holes on the front nine en route to a 9-under 63 to win the Boeing Classic, his first victory on PGA TOUR Champions and first official victory since 2013. Parel entered the final-round trailing by five strokes behind Kevin Sutherland and Ken Tanigawa before setting a new 18-hole and 54-hole career-low to secure the victory at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge.
- 20. **Shaw Charity Classic:** Scott McCarron aced the 14th hole, carded a final-round 63 and turned a three-shot deficit into a one-shot victory the Shaw Charity Classic. The win was the eighth of his career and second of the season, and he became the first player to successfully defend a title on PGA TOUR Champions since Bernhard Langer (2016, 2017 Regions Tradition).
- 21. **The Ally Challenge:** Paul Broadhurst won in Michigan for the second time this season, as a final-round 66 gave him a two-shot victory at the inaugural Ally Challenge at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club. It was Broadhurst's Tour-best third victory of the season and he improved to No. 6 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- 22. **Sanford International:** Steve Stricker tallied his third win in seven starts this season, as he carded a final-round 67 en route to a 13-under total and a four-shot victory at the inaugural Sanford International in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Tied atop the leaderboard with Brandt Jobe through 36 holes, Stricker opened with birdies on Nos. 1 and 2 and built a three-shot lead that he wouldn't relinquish.
- 23. **PURE Insurance Championship:** Ken Tanigawa made a 35-foot eagle putt on the 18th hole at Pebble Beach to turn a one-shot deficit into a one-shot victory at the PURE Insurance Championship. It was Tanigawa's first win on PGA TOUR Champions, and he became the first Q-School graduate to win since Jerry Smith in 2015.
- 24. **SAS Championship:** Tied for the lead at the start of the day, Bernhard Langer built a three-shot cushion through nine holes and won by six after carding a final-round 65. The win was his second at the SAS Championship and 38th of his career, and he'll begin the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs as the No. 1 player for the third straight season.
- 25. **Dominion Energy Charity Classic:** Trailing by three at the start of the final round, Woody Austin birdied the 18th hole for a final-round 69 and a one-stroke victory over defending champion Bernhard Langer at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic. The win was Austin's fourth of his career and he improved to No. 8 in the Charles Schwab Cup with two events remaining in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs.
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