



The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex

Old Course at St. Andrews | St. Andrews, Scotland | July 26-29, 2018

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Old Course at St. Andrews (Par 72 / 7,216 yards)

Purse: \$2,000,000

Television Coverage (all times Eastern):

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

Field Overview (as of July 24, 2018)

St. Andrews will host The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex for the first time since the tournament began in 1987. **Sir Nick Faldo** (1990) and **John Daly** (1995) have hoisted the Claret Jug at the Old Course, and they are two of the seven players in the field that have won The Open Championship. The field also includes 10 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame and nine winners of The Senior Open, including three-time champions **Bernhard Langer** and **Tom Watson**. It will be the tournament debut for **Vijay Singh**, who is coming off his first major win at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, while **Brandel Chamblee** will make his Tour debut after qualifying on Monday.

Field Highlights:

- 27 of the top-30 players in the Charles Schwab Cup
- 86 players that have made 205 total starts in Open Championships at St. Andrews
- 10 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
- 10 Ryder Cup captains and 38 Ryder Cup players
- 20 players with a PGA TOUR major victory and 23 players with a senior major victory

2017 Recap: Langer Wins Record-Setting 10th Senior Major

Bernhard Langer won his third Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex at Royal Porthcawl, his third major title of the season and 10th of his career, a PGA TOUR Champions record. Langer finished at 4-under, three shots better than runner-up Corey Pavin, who was the only other player to finish the championship under par. With the win, Langer joined Jack Nicklaus as the only two players to win three senior majors in one season.

Long Histories at the Old Course

The field includes three World Golf Hall of Famers that have each played in eight Open Championships at St. Andrews:

- In addition to his win in 1990, **Sir Nick Faldo** also finished T7 in 1978 and T6 in 1984.
- While **Tom Watson** won the Claret Jug five times, his best finish at St. Andrews was T2 in 1984.
- **Sandy Lyle's** record at the Old Course includes two top-20s, with his best finish being T14 in 1984.

Faldo and **Fred Couples** are the only players in the field with three top-10 finishes in Open Championships at St. Andrews. Couples finished T4 in 1984, 6th in 2000 and T3 in 2005. Three players have two top-10s at St. Andrews:

- **Bernhard Langer** (T2/1984, T5/2005)
- **Vijay Singh** (T6/1995, T5/2005)
- **Corey Pavin** (T8/1990, T8/1995)

Langer's Championship Résumé

As the reigning Senior Open champion, 60-year-old **Bernhard Langer** was 1-under and finished T24 last week at The Open Championship at Carnoustie. He has eight top-10s in 31 starts at The Open, including two top-five finishes in Opens at St. Andrews (T2/1984, T5/2005).

On PGA TOUR Champions, Langer's record in senior majors is second to none. His 10 victories are the most all-time, and he is the only player to win all five majors and complete the "Senior Slam." In 10 starts at The Senior Open Championship, Langer has led/co-led after 17 of 40 rounds (42.50%). He has three wins and nine top-10 finishes at The Senior Open, and his worst finish was a tie for 12th in 2011.

His 2018 campaign on PGA TOUR Champions includes four runner-up finishes and a win at the Insperity Invitational, his 37th career victory on Tour. He has led the Charles Schwab Cup three weeks this season, bringing his total to 124 weeks since his first full season on Tour in 2008, and he is currently No. 4 in the standings.

Major Performances by Jimenez, Kelly

Miguel Angel Jimenez and **Jerry Kelly** are the only players with top-10s in each of the first four majors this season. Winner of the Regions Tradition, Jimenez has a 68.25 scoring average in the four majors, the best among the 31 players that have played all 16 rounds. He has one win in each of his five seasons on PGA TOUR Champions, and it is the second-longest active streak on Tour.

Starting with his T8 finish at the Regions Tradition, Kelly has recorded six consecutive top-10s. He opened the year with a win at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, the third win of his career, and he also has three runner-up finishes. His major scoring average of 68.31 is second best, and his overall scoring average of 68.76 is best on Tour.

Player	Major Average	Regions Tradition	Senior PGA	U.S. Senior Open	SENIOR PLAYERS	Schwab Cup
1. Miguel Angel Jimenez	68.25	1st	5th	T2	T10	3rd
2. Jerry Kelly	68.31	T8	T3	T2	T4	1st
3. Paul Broadhurst	68.94	T16	1st	T5	T32	6th
T4. Kevin Sutherland	69.31	12th	T10	T8	T17	16th
T4. Scott McCarron	69.31	T5	T3	T52	T4	5th

Singh Ready for his Encore

World Golf Hall of Famer **Vijay Singh** is one of three players with multiple wins on Tour this season (Steve Stricker, Paul Broadhurst). Singh won the Toshiba Classic, his first individual stroke play title on Tour, and he's coming off his first senior major victory at the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. He will make his tournament debut this week, and this season marks the first time he has played all five senior majors. His Open Championship record includes four top-10s, two of which came at the Old Course (T5/2005, T6/1995).

Broadhurst's Good Memories

Two years removed from winning The Senior Open at Carnoustie, England's **Paul Broadhurst** will return to St. Andrews with fond memories. In 1990, Broadhurst carded a then-course record 63 in the third round en route to a T12 finish, his best in 16 starts at The Open. This season on PGA TOUR Champions, he captured his second senior major title, carding weekend rounds of 64-63 to win the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. He also won the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge with partner Kirk Triplett, and he's currently No. 6 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Legends at a Legendary Venue

Fred Couples and **Colin Montgomerie** are two of the 10 World Golf Hall of Famers in the field this week. In addition to his win in 2012 at Turnberry, Couples finished T5 in 2015 and T3 last year. This will be Couples' fourth start of the season, with his most recent being a T44 finish at the U.S. Senior Open. For Montgomerie, this will be his sixth start in The Senior Open, and his résumé includes a runner-up in 2014 and a third-place finish in 2015. This year on PGA TOUR Champions, Montgomerie has three top-10s and he's currently No. 17 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Rookies on the Old Course

The field includes 58 players that did not compete in an Open Championship at the Old Course. Of that group, six are currently in the top 36 of the Charles Schwab Cup standings: **Scott McCarron** (No. 5), **Scott Parel** (No. 13), **Kevin Sutherland** (No. 16), **Woody Austin** (No. 28), **Wes Short Jr.** (No. 29) and **Billy Mayfair** (No. 35).

Parity on PGA TOUR Champions

Seven different players have won the last seven major championships on PGA TOUR Champions. Of these players, four became first-time major champions, including three of this year's four winners. If the streak reaches eight after this week, it would mark the first time since 2011 that the season's five senior majors were won by five different players.

Tournament	Champion	Major Titles
2017 U.S. Senior Open	Kenny Perry	4
2017 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship	Scott McCarron	1
2017 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex	Bernhard Langer	10
2018 Regions Tradition	Miguel Angel Jimenez	1
2018 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship	Paul Broadhurst	2
2018 U.S. Senior Open	David Toms	1
2018 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship	Vijay Singh	1

From The Open to The Senior Open

Five players in this week's field played in The Open Championship at Carnoustie last week:

- **Mark Calcavecchia** – 73-76 (MC)
- **Todd Hamilton** – 75-76 (MC)
- **Tom Lehman** – 75-71 (MC)
- **Bernhard Langer** – 73-71-68-71 (T24)
- **Sandy Lyle** – 75-76 (MC)

Open Championship Winners in the Field

This year's field includes seven players with 12 titles at The Open Championship.

Year	Champion	Venue
2004	Todd Hamilton	Royal Troon
1996	Tom Lehman	Royal Lytham & St. Annes
1995	John Daly	St. Andrews
1992	Nick Faldo	Muirfield
1990	Nick Faldo	St. Andrews
1989	Mark Calcavecchia	Royal Troon
1987	Nick Faldo	Muirfield
1985	Sandy Lyle	Royal St. George's
1983	Tom Watson	Royal Birkdale
1982	Tom Watson	Royal Troon
1980	Tom Watson	Muirfield
1977	Tom Watson	Turnberry
1975	Tom Watson	Carnoustie

Championship History

The Senior Open Championship has been an official PGA TOUR Champions event since 2003. This year's field includes nine past champions and every winner since 2003 except for Mark Wiebe. 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

2017 Bernhard Langer
 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

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
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