



## U.S. Senior Open

The Broadmoor (East Course) | Colorado Springs, Colorado | June 28-July 1, 2018

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### Quick Facts

- **Course:** The Broadmoor (East Course)
- **Par:** 70 **Yardage:** 7,265
- **Course Designers:** Donald Ross/Robert Trent Sr. (1952)
- **Purse:** \$4,000,000 (Winner: \$720,000)
- **Television Coverage** (all times local): June 27: FS2 10-11 a.m., June 28: FS1 2-7 p.m., June 29: FS1 1:30-6:30 p.m., June 30/July 1: FS1 2-7 p.m.
- **Social Media:** [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#)

### Field Overview (as of 6/26/18)

Defending champion and two-time event winner **Kenny Perry** (2013, 2017) headlines the 39<sup>th</sup> U.S. Senior Open Championship and a 156-player field that features four U.S. Open winners: **Hale Irwin** (1974, 1979, 1990), **Lee Janzen** (1993, 1998), **Tom Kite** (1992) and **Corey Pavin** (1995), and 10 past U.S. Senior Open Championship winners: **Olin Browne** (2011), **Brad Bryant** (2007), **Fred Funk** (2009), **Hale Irwin** (1998, 2000), **Peter Jacobsen** (2004), **Bernhard Langer** (2010), **Jeff Maggert** (2015), **Colin Montgomerie** (2014), **Kenny Perry** (2013, 2017) and **Gene Sauers** (2016).

35 of the top-36 players in the current Charles Schwab Cup standings will compete in Colorado Springs this week, as well as 11 players who have won this season: Paul Broadhurst, Mark Calcavecchia, Joe Durant, Steve Flesch, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Jerry Kelly, Tom Lehman, Scott McCarron, Bernhard Langer, Vijay Singh, and Kirk Triplett.

### Additional field highlights:

- Eight members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
- 55 PGA TOUR winners with 366 total career victories
- 49 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 284 total career victories
- 21 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title; 15 with a PGA TOUR major

### 2017 Recap: Perry's Scoring Record leads to Second U.S. Senior Open Title

**Kenny Perry** played a bogey-free final round of 2-under-par 68 and finished with a string of 12 consecutive pars to win his second U.S. Senior Open title at Salem Country Club. He totaled a final 16-under-par 264, bettering the previous championship record by three strokes (Hale Irwin, 2000 at Saucon Valley) and matched his own score when he won his first U.S. Senior Open at Omaha Country Club in 2013. Perry joined the elite club of becoming just the sixth player to win multiple U.S. Senior Open Championships. His victory earned him a spot in the 2018 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club where he missed the cut after shooting two rounds of 79.

## Tournament Storylines

### Perry Plans His Return

Following his fourth PGA TOUR Champions major win and second U.S. Senior Open Championship title, **Kenny Perry** tallied seven top-20 finishes to conclude his eighth year on PGA TOUR Champions. He exited the 2017 season fourth in the final Charles Schwab Cup standings, his highest since finishing runner-up in 2013. Since coming off shoulder surgery at the end of last season, Perry has rebounded by recording three top-25 finishes in six starts. In his first start back, Perry recorded his highest finish of the season to date at the Insuperity Invitational. Here he finished T5 with a season-low 7-under-par 65 in the second round. Last week at the American Family Insurance Championship, Perry finished T14 after a final round 5-under-par 67.

*Kenny Perry's Pre-Tournament press conference Tuesday, June 26 3:30 p.m. MDT*

### Kelly Climbs to the Top

With his runner-up finish last week at the American Family Insurance Championship, **Jerry Kelly** reclaimed his familiar place atop the money list surpassing four-time Charles Schwab Cup champion **Bernhard Langer**. At \$1,066,763, this is Kelly's fifth week holding the lead, the most of any player this season. Kelly opened the season with a victory at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai and from there tallied seven top-10 finishes including two runner-up finishes.

POSITION	PLAYER	MONEY	2017 U.S. SENIOR OPEN FINISH
No. 1	Jerry Kelly	\$1,066,763	T12
No. 2	Bernhard Langer	\$1,023,571	T18
No. 3	Scott McCarron	\$944,103	T37
No. 4	Paul Broadhurst	\$929,499	T12
No. 5	Steve Stricker	\$926,235	N/A

### Langer Loves the Majors

With 10 major victory titles, **Bernhard Langer** holds the most all-time major wins on PGA TOUR Champions. He has finished in the top-25 in all 10 starts at the U.S. Senior Open, including in 2010. Langer is the only player on PGA TOUR Champions to complete a "senior slam", earning a title in each of the five majors on PGA TOUR Champions.

This year Langer has seven top-10 finishes in 12 starts including a victory at the Insuperity Invitational. This win continued his streak of 12 consecutive years with a victory, setting a Tour record and breaking a tie he previously shared with Hale Irwin.

*Bernhard Langer Pre-Tournament press conference Wednesday, June 27 4 p.m. MDT*

### Irwin's Impact on the U.S. Senior Open

World Golf Hall of Famer **Hale Irwin** will make his 23<sup>rd</sup> appearance in the U.S. Senior Open, which ties for third on the all-time list alongside Dave Eichelberger and behind Dale Douglas (26) and Arnold Palmer (25). In 22 appearances, Irwin has two victories (1998, 2000), two runner-up finishes and eight top-10 finishes. When Irwin won the 1998 U.S. Senior Open at Riviera Country Club, he became the seventh and last player to claim both the U.S. Open and the U.S. Senior Open titles in his career. Others include: Billy Casper, Orville Moody, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Gary Player and Lee Trevino. At 73 years old, Irwin will compete as the oldest player in the field.

*Hale Irwin's Pre-Tournament press conference Wednesday, June 27 3:30 p.m. MDT*

**Funk Finds His Way Back**

The 2009 U.S. Senior Open champion and 2008 U.S. Senior Open runner-up at The Broadmoor, **Fred Funk** will compete in his 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. Senior Open. In 10 U.S. Senior Open starts, Funk has not missed a cut. His last appearance came in 2016 where he worked rounds of 71-73-81 before withdrawing prior to the final round. The 10-time PGA TOUR Champions winner has 10 starts on Tour this year, with his highest finish coming in third place at the Boca Raton Championship.

*Fred Funk's Pre-Tournament press conference Tuesday, June 28 4:00 p.m. MDT*

**Greats Grouped Together**

**Gene Sauers** (2016), **Olin Browne** (2011) and **Jeff Maggert** (2015), all winners of the U.S. Senior Open Championship, will play together on Thursday and Friday. The group will tee off from the 10<sup>th</sup> tee on Thursday at 1:12 p.m. MDT.

**Hale Irwin** (1974, 1979, 1990), **Tom Kite** (1992), and **Corey Pavin** (1995), all U.S. Open champions, will play together Thursday and Friday, with their Thursday tee time coming at 1:43 p.m. MDT off the first tee.

**Vijay Singh**, **Davis Love III**, and **David Toms**, all major winners, will play together Thursday and Friday. They will tee off the first tee on Thursday at 1:12 p.m. MDT.

**[Complete first- and second-round groupings](#)****First Timers**

Eight players have won the U.S. Senior Open title in their first appearance: **Roberto De Vincenzo** (1980), **Arnold Palmer** (1981), **Dale Douglass** (1986), **Lee Trevino** (1990), **Larry Laoretti** (1992), **Don Pooley** (2002), **Peter Jacobsen** (2004), and **Roger Chapman** (2013). This year there are 47 players making their U.S. Senior Open debut, including 21-time PGA TOUR winner with 23 U.S. Open appearances, **Davis Love III**.

*Davis Love III Pre-Tournament press conference Wednesday, June 27 1:30 p.m. MDT*

**Major Stretch**

The U.S. Senior Open is the first of a three-major stretch for PGA TOUR Champions:

1. Regions Tradition | May 17-20 | Greystone Golf & Country Club | Winner: *Miguel Angel Jimenez*
2. KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship | May 24-27 | Harbor Shores | Winner: *Paul Broadhurst*
3. **U.S. Senior Open Championship | June 28 – July 1 | The Broadmoor Resort (Colorado Springs, Colorado)**
4. Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship | July 12-15 | Exmoor Country Club (Chicago, Illinois)
5. The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex | July 26-29 | Old Course (St. Andrews, Scotland)

**Miguel Angel Jimenez** won the first major of the year, the Regions Tradition, for his first major title on PGA TOUR Champions. Jimenez took the title by three strokes, finishing at 19-under-par (269), tying his lowest 72-hole score and marking his fifth PGA TOUR Champions victory.

**Paul Broadhurst** shot a final-round 63 and turned a two-shot deficit into a four-shot victory at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. This win was his second senior major and fourth victory on PGA TOUR champions. His win granted him a lifetime exemption into the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, and exemptions into the 2018 PGA Championship, 2018 Senior Open Championship and 2018 U.S. Senior Open.

**Championships in Colorado**

This will mark the 32<sup>nd</sup> USGA Championship played in Colorado and the third U.S Senior Open contested in the state. In 1993 **Jack Nicklaus** won the second of his two U.S. Senior Open titles with a one-stroke victory at Cherry Hills in Englewood, Colorado. In 2008, **Eduardo Romero** won at the Broadmoor's East Course by four strokes.

**Doug Rohrbaugh** (Carbondale) and **Chris Johnson** (Castle Rock) both call home to the state, while **Tommy Armour III** was born in Denver, but now resides in Las Vegas, Nevada. **Hale Irwin** was a two-time All-Big Eight Conference

defensive back at the University of Colorado and Pro Football Hall of Fame and Denver Broncos quarterback **John Elway** will serve as the honorary chairman.

### **Host Course**

On The Broadmoor's 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary, this is the second U.S. Senior Open Championship and the eighth USGA Championship to be held at the prestigious hotel. The Broadmoor East Course was the site of the 2008 U.S. Senior Open, when **Eduardo Romero** became the second Argentinean to win the Senior Open, joining 1980 champion **Roberto De Vincenzo**. Romero finished at 6-under-par 274 with a third-round 65, to post a four-stroke victory over Fred Funk, who will appear in the field this week.

In 2008, The Broadmoor played to 7,248 yards in the fourth round for the second longest U.S. Senior Open course to date. With a scoring average of 74.565, The Broadmoor East Course ranked as the second toughest course on Tour in 2008. This year, the East Course will move from a par-71 (2008) to a par-70 across 7,265 yards.

- **Hardest hole:** No. 10 (par 4, 501 yards) – 18 birdies, 4.523 average
- **Easiest hole:** No. 3 (par 5, 601 yards) – 15 eagles, 138 birdies, 4.766 average

### **Back at The Broadmoor**

There are 15 players in the field this year who also competed in the 2008 U.S. Senior Open at The Broadmoor: **Brad Bryant** (T14), **John Cook** (5<sup>th</sup>), **Fred Funk** (2<sup>nd</sup>), **Bob Gilder** (57<sup>th</sup>), **Jay Haas** (T9), **Scott Hoch** (T9), **Hale Irwin** (T40), **Peter Jacobsen** (MC), **Tom Kite** (T12), **Bernhard Langer** (T6), **Mark O'Meara** (MC), **Matt Seitz** (MC), **Paul Simson** (MC), **Joey Sindelar** (T6), **Jeff Sluman** (T18).

## ***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
15. Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship
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