



## American Family Insurance Championship

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### Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** University Ridge Golf Course (Par 72, 7,056 yards)
- **Designed by:** Robert Trent Jones (1991)
- **Purse:** \$2,000,000 (Winner: \$300,000)
- **Golf Channel Coverage:** Friday, 12-2:30 p.m. ET; Saturday and Sunday, 3-6 p.m. ET
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@AmFamChamp](https://twitter.com/AmFamChamp)), Instagram ([@amfamchampionship](https://www.instagram.com/amfamchampionship)), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/amfamchampionship)

### Field Overview (as of 6/18/19)

The fourth-annual American Family Insurance Championship marks the midway point of the 2019 season on PGA TOUR Champions. Tournament host **Steve Stricker** and fellow Madison-resident **Jerry Kelly** will look to improve on their top-three finishes last year, while Charles Schwab Cup leader **Scott McCarron** is back for his title defense. The 78-player field will feature Hall of Fame pitcher **John Smoltz**, who will make his third start of the season, as well as 16 first-time participants, including **Darren Clarke** and **Retief Goosen**.

- 37 of the top-40 players in the current Charles Schwab Cup standings
- 4 World Golf Hall of Famers (Retief Goosen, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Vijay Singh)
- 54 PGA TOUR winners with 305 total career victories
- 46 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 212 total career victories
- 18 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 15 with a PGA TOUR major

### McCarron Coming in Hot

In 2018, **Scott McCarron** closed with a final-round 64 to erase a two-stroke deficit and win by one over **Jerry Kelly**. Since then, McCarron has won four more times and is coming off his 11th career victory at the Mastercard Japan Championship. He leads the Tour with eight top-10s and three wins this season and he has led the Charles Schwab Cup each of the last seven weeks.

Since 2016, McCarron's record is second only to five-time Charles Schwab Cup champion Bernhard Langer.

<i>Since 2016</i>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Top-10s</b>	<b>Scoring Average</b>	<b>Money</b>
Scott McCarron	11	43	69.41	\$8,011,826
Bernhard Langer	14	53	68.55	\$9,689,626

*Pre-tournament press conference: Thursday, 11:45 a.m. CT (media center)*

**McCarron by the Numbers**

- This week is his seventh attempt at a title defense on PGA TOUR Champions. In his first six tries, he has four top-10s, including a second straight win at the Shaw Charity Classic in 2018.
- He has the sixth-most wins (11) among active players. The five players with more wins are Bernhard Langer (39), Jay Haas (18), Tom Watson (14), Fred Couples (13) and Tom Lehman (12).
- In his 11 wins, his final-round scoring average is 66.36 and on average he's 5.27-under par.
- He has started the final round as the leader/co-leader in seven of his 11 wins, including all three this season.

The 2018 American Family Insurance Championship was one of McCarron's four final-round comeback victories.

- 2016 Principal Charity Classic (T6/trailed by 2)
- 2017 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship (T3/trailed by 6)
- 2018 American Family Insurance Championship (T6/trailed by 2)
- 2018 Shaw Charity Classic (4th/trailed by 3)

**Stricker Looking to Strike**

Tournament host **Steve Stricker** will make his third start in his hometown event. Last year, he was the first-round leader after an 8-under 64, but followed with a 2-over 74, his first over-par score on PGA TOUR Champions. He went on to close with a 7-under 65 and finished T3 for the second year in a row.

Since turning 50 in 2017, Stricker has 15 top-10s and four wins in 19 starts on PGA TOUR Champions. He has three top-five finishes this season, including his first major title at the Regions Tradition, and he is currently 12th in the Charles Schwab Cup. The 2020 U.S. Ryder Cup Captain has also made seven starts on the PGA TOUR, with his best finish being a T22 at the Memorial Tournament.

*Pre-tournament press conference: Thursday, 12 p.m. CT (media center)*

**Kelly's Close Calls**

Madison's **Jerry Kelly** has three wins on PGA TOUR Champions, the most recent coming at the 2018 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. He has 16 top-10s in 33 starts since his last victory, and one of his near-misses was at last year's American Family Insurance Championship when he finished one shot behind Scott McCarron. Kelly enters this week having finished in the top-10 in his last three starts and in five of his last six, and he's currently No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

*Pre-tournament press conference: Thursday, approximately 1:30 p.m. CT (media center)*

**Smoltz Down to His Third Strike**

The American Family Insurance Championship will be the third sponsor's exemption of the season for Hall of Fame pitcher **John Smoltz**.

1. 2019 Cologuard Classic (T53, 73-74-73 – 220/+1)
2. 2019 Mitsubishi Electric Classic (T61, 80-74-73 – 227/+11)

Smoltz qualified for the 2018 U.S. Senior Open and carded rounds of 85-77 at The Broadmoor Golf Club, and his resume also includes a win at the Diamond Resorts Tournament of Champions in January and two top-10s at the American Century Championship (10th/2018, T9/2017).

In 22 MLB seasons, Smoltz was an eight-time All-Star, won the 1996 NL Cy Young Award and won the 1995 World Series with the Atlanta Braves. He is the Braves' all-time leader in strikeouts (3,011) and games pitched (708), and he tallied a 15-4 record with a 2.67 ERA in 41 career postseason games. Smoltz is the only pitcher in MLB history to record 200 wins and 150 saves, and he was elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015, his first year of eligibility.

*Pre-tournament press conference: Wednesday, 12 p.m. CT (media center)*

**Langer's List is Missing Madison**

The American Family Insurance Championship is one of just nine tournaments on this year's 27-event schedule that **Bernhard Langer** has not won. (Of those nine, he has not played the Mastercard Japan Championship or the Sanford International.) In two starts in Madison, all six of Langer's rounds have been in the 60s (68.50 average) and he finished T13 in 2016 and T10 in 2018. His 2019 season includes a win at the Oasis Championship, the 39th of his career, and he has top-15 finishes in all eight of his starts. The five-winner of the Charles Schwab Cup is currently sixth in the standings.

**David Playing Like Goliath**

Though **David Toms** has yet to enter the winner's circle this season, his statistical rankings suggest he's close to earning his second career victory. He ranks in the top three of six major categories and he leads three, including the All-Around Ranking. He has five top-10s and two runner-up finishes and is No. 7 in the Charles Schwab Cup. He carded rounds of 72-74 last week at the U.S. Senior Open and he also finished T31 at the Charles Schwab Challenge in May.

- 1st: All-Around Ranking, Greens in Regulation (73.21%), Birdie Average (4.50 per round)
- 2nd: Putting Average (1.721 putts per GIR), Scoring Average (69.32)
- 3rd: Driving Accuracy (79.12%)

**Charles Schwab Cup: Season Overview**

With his win at the Mastercard Japan Championship, **Scott McCarron** extended his lead in the Charles Schwab Cup to \$831,042 and he is atop the standings for the seventh consecutive week, the longest such streak since 2017 (Bernhard Langer/21 weeks). Last season, seven different players took their turn at No. 1 and no player led for more than four straight weeks. Overall, Jerry Kelly's nine weeks as leader was the most of any player in 2018. McCarron's four closest challengers are:

- **Kirk Triplett** (No. 2 – \$935,169) has spent four weeks at No. 2 in the standings, and his season includes four runner-up finishes and a victory at the Hoag Classic, the seventh of his career. Winner of the inaugural American Family Insurance Championship in 2016, Triplett is returning to Madison for the first time since a T25 in 2017.
- **Ken Tanigawa** (No. 3 – \$916,295) won the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship at historic Oak Hill and became the fifth first-time major champion in the last seven senior majors. Winner of the 2018 PURE Insurance Championship, Tanigawa is just the fourth player with PGA TOUR-sanctioned victories at both Pebble Beach and Oak Hill, joining Jack Nicklaus, Curtis Strange and Cary Middlecoff.
- **Scott Parel** (No. 4 – \$908,113) has top-10s in four of his last five starts. He has three runner-ups this season, including playoff losses to Kevin Sutherland at the Rapisan Systems Classic and Principal Charity Classic.
- **Kevin Sutherland** (No. 5 – \$896,692) carded a back-nine 28 en route to a final-round 62, which forced a playoff with Scott Parel at the Principal Charity Classic. He birdied the second extra hole to notch his second victory of the season and third of his career. His eight-shot comeback was the third largest in Tour history and his 62 was the fifth time he shot 62 or better on PGA TOUR Champions.

**Clarke, Goosen Highlight Tournament Rookies**

The American Family Insurance Championship will welcome 16 first-time participants, including major winners **Darren Clarke**, **Retief Goosen**, **Steve Jones** and **Shaun Micheel**, as well as PGA TOUR winners **Chris DiMarco**, **Ken Duke**, **Bob Estes**, **Dudley Hart** and **Greg Kraft**.

Clarke (No. 21) and Goosen (No. 23) are the two highest-ranked players among tournament rookies. Clarke is coming off his third top-10 of the season (T4/Mastercard Japan Championship) and his upcoming schedule includes competing in The Open Championship at Royal Portrush, his home course in his native Northern Ireland, and then his debut at The Senior Open Championship at Royal Lytham & St. Annes.

Goosen was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame during U.S. Open week at Pebble Beach. He has top-25 finishes in each of his last four starts, including a career-best fourth-place finish at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

**Milwaukee Winners in Madison**

The field includes seven players that won the PGA TOUR event in Milwaukee: **Gary Hallberg** (1987), **Scott Hoch** (1995, 1997), **Billy Mayfair** (1993), **Corey Pavin** (1986, 2006), **Kenny Perry** (2003), **Loren Roberts** (1996, 2000) and **Jeff Sluman** (1998, 2002).

**Dramatic Sundays in Madison**

In each of the tournament's first three years, the champion has erased a final-round deficit of two shots or more.

Year	Champion	Score	To Par	36-hole position	Trailed by	Final-Round Score
2018	Scott McCarron	201	-15	T6	2	64
2017	Fred Couples	201	-15	T4	3	66
2016	Kirk Triplett	199	-17	T5	3	65

**University Ridge by the Numbers**

- **Hardest hole (2018):** No. 4 (par 4, 444 yards) – 4.293 average (1 eagle, 19 birdies, 75 bogeys or worse); it was the T25th-hardest hole on Tour in 2018.
- **Easiest hole (2018):** No. 2 (par 5, 555 yards) – 4.483 average (6 eagles, 118 birdies, 10 bogeys); 10th-easiest hole on Tour.

Year	R1	R2	R3	Overall Average (Rank)
2018	70.628	70.782	69.711	70.381 (22nd / 26)
2017	70.295	71.390	71.195	70.956 (17th / 26)
2016	69.383	70.889	69.889	70.054 (24th / 26)

## ***PGA TOUR Champions – 2019 Season Overview***

### **Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs**

The 2019 Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs will begin with 72 players at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic (Oct. 14-20). The top-54 will advance to the Invesco QQQ Championship (Oct. 28 - Nov. 3), and the season will conclude with the top-36 players at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship (Nov. 4-10), where they will compete for the Charles Schwab Cup.

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.

### **The 2019 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 2019 with at least one PGA TOUR win include:

- Shaun Micheel (January 5, 1969)
- Retief Goosen (February 3, 1969)
- Frank Lickliter, II (July 28, 1969)
- Shigeki Maruyama (September 12, 1969)
- Angel Cabrera (September 12, 1969)
- Rod Pampling (September 23, 1969)

Upcoming rookie classes include:

- **2020** – Ernie Els (October 17, 1969), Tim Herron (February 6, 1970), Jim Furyk (May 12, 1970), Mike Weir (May 12, 1970), K.J. Choi (May 19, 1970), Phil Mickelson (June 16, 1970)
- **2021** – John Senden (April 20, 1971), Stuart Appleby (May 1, 1971), Robert Allenby (July 12, 1971), Padraig Harrington (August 31, 1971)
- **2022** – David Duval (November 9, 1971), Brian Gay (December 14, 1971), Y.E. Yang (January 15, 1972), Justin Leonard (June 15, 1972), Notah Begay II (September 14, 1972)

### **2019 Schedule**

The 2019 schedule features 27 official tournaments in Canada, Japan, Scotland and 19 states, with prize money totaling nearly \$58 million. After the 24-event Regular Season, the fourth-annual Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs will determine the winner of the season-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup.

1. **Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai:** Tom Lehman closed with a 7-under 65 to erase a four-shot deficit and win the season-opener with a 17-under total. Lehman topped David Toms, who opened with rounds of 65-65 and led by four at the start of the final round. He maintained a three-shot cushion through 12 but was 1-over on his last six holes, including a three-putt bogey on No. 18, and fell one shot shy of Lehman's winning total.
2. **Oasis Championship:** Bernhard Langer became the tournament's first repeat champion, winning with a tournament-record score of 19-under 197. His five-stroke victory over Marco Dawson is the largest margin in the Oasis Championship's 13-year history. With the win, he surpassed Hale Irwin and became No. 1 on the Tour's all-time money list.
3. **Chubb Classic:** Miguel Angel Jimenez defeated Bernhard Langer and Olin Browne on the first playoff hole to secure his seventh career victory Sunday at the Chubb Classic. Jimenez posted the day's only bogey-free round, a 5-under 66, and played the last 39 holes (38 regulation, 1 playoff) of the tournament bogey free.

4. **Cologuard Classic:** Mark O'Meara ended an eight-year winless drought when he won the Cologuard Classic by closing with a 7-under 66 for a four-shot victory. At 8 years, 4 months and 21 days, it is the second-longest gap between victories on Tour. The 62-year-old became the fourth-oldest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history.
5. **Hoag Classic:** Kirk Triplett defeated Woody Austin on the second playoff hole when he made a 12-foot eagle putt to claim his seventh victory on PGA TOUR Champions. It was Triplett's second playoff in his career, improving his record to 2-0.
6. **Rapiscan Systems Classic:** Kevin Sutherland birdied the seventh playoff hole Monday morning and defeated Scott Parel to win the Rapiscan Systems Classic. Sutherland led by three after 36 holes, but a 3-over 75 on Sunday left him tied at 7-under with Parel, who erased a six-shot deficit with a final-round 69. The two players played five extra holes Sunday evening before play was suspended due to darkness.
7. **Mitsubishi Electric Classic:** Scott McCarron posted his ninth win on PGA TOUR Champions and third victory at TPC Sugarloaf, as he won the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in wire-to-wire fashion at TPC Sugarloaf, site of two of his PGA TOUR victories. McCarron was the only player to card three rounds under par (68-70-71) and his 7-under total was two shots better than Joe Durant, Jerry Kelly, Kirk Triplett and Kent Jones.
8. **Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge:** Scott Hoch and Tom Pernice Jr. opened the final round with a hole-in-one on the first hole and won with a tournament-record total of 23-under. At 63 years, 5 months and 4 days, Hoch became the oldest player to win on PGA TOUR Champions.
9. **Insperty Invitational:** Three back-nine birdies lifted Scott McCarron to a two-stroke victory over Scott Parel at the Insperty Invitational. It was his second win of the season, extending his streak to four straight years with multiple victories, and he became the 38th player with at least 10 wins on PGA TOUR Champions.
10. **Regions Tradition:** Steve Stricker captured his first major championship title as he closed with a 4-under 68 for a six-shot victory over Billy Andrade, Paul Goydos and David Toms. It was Stricker's fourth win in 18 PGA TOUR Champions starts and he became the 15th player to make the Regions Tradition his first major victory. Due to inclement weather over the weekend, the tournament finished on Monday.
11. **KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship:** Ken Tanigawa overcame a three-shot deficit on the back nine to pass defending champion Paul Broadhurst and win the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship by one stroke. Tanigawa converted a 10-foot par putt on the 72nd hole to secure his first major championship victory.
12. **Principal Charity Classic:** Kevin Sutherland shot a course-record 62 and erased an eight-shot deficit, the third largest in PGA TOUR Champions history, to win on the second playoff hole. Sutherland made eight back-nine birdies to catch first- and second-round leader Scott Parel, who shot a final-round 70 and was unable to match Sutherland's birdie on the second extra hole.
13. **Mastercard Japan Championship:** With three birdies on the back nine, Scott McCarron edged away from the field and won by three over Billy Andrade and Kirk Triplett. It was his third win of the season and his 11th overall, making him the 31st player to win at least 11 titles on PGA TOUR Champions.