



Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge

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Quick Facts

- **Golf Courses:**
 - Top of the Rock (Jack Nicklaus Signature Par 3, open 2014); 1,404 yards/ Par 27
 - Ozark National (Bill Coore & Ben Crenshaw); 7,036 yards/ Par 71
- **Purse:** \$1,800,000 (Team: \$342,000)
- **Golf Channel Coverage (all times CT):** Friday: 11-2 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 2-5 p.m.
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@BassProLegends](https://twitter.com/BassProLegends)), Instagram ([@bassprolegendsofgolf](https://www.instagram.com/bassprolegendsofgolf)), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/bassprolegendsofgolf)

Tournament Schedule / Format (all times and celebrity pairings subject to change)

- **FRIDAY**
 - **18 Champions teams will play 18 holes at Top of the Rock; the other 18 Champions teams will play 18 holes at Ozark National (10:30- noon CT)**
Format (Top of the Rock): Modified alternate shot for first 9; best ball for second 9
Format (Ozark National): Best ball
- **SATURDAY**
 - **18 Champions teams will play 18 holes at Top of the Rock; 18 Champions teams will play 18 holes at Ozark National (9:00-10:20 a.m. CT)**
Format (Top of the Rock): Modified alternate shot for first 9; best ball for second 9
Format (Ozark National): Best ball
 - **Three groups of Celebrities/Legends will play Top of the Rock (12:30-12:50 p.m. CT)**
Format: 18 holes, best ball
 - **Team 1:** Jack Nicklaus- Gary Player; Paige Sprianac-Justin Timberlake
 - **Team 2:** Lee Trevino- David Graham; Kid Rock-Tyler Tomey (Dude Perfect)
 - **Team 3:** Ben Crenshaw- Jerry Pate; Mark Wahlberg, John Paul (J.P.) Morris & Larry the Cable Guy
- **SUNDAY**
 - **All Champions teams will play Top of the Rock (7:00-8:10 a.m. & 11:05-12:44 p.m. CT)**
Format (Top of the Rock): Modified alternate shot for first 9; best ball for second nine)
 - **Six teams of Celebrities/Legends shootout (10:20-10:40 a.m. CT)**
Format (Top of the Rock): 9 holes; best ball
 - **Team 1:** Jack Nicklaus-Justin Timberlake
 - **Team 2:** Gary Player-Paige Spiranac
 - **Team 3:** Lee Trevino-Kid Rock
 - **Team 4:** David Graham- Tyler Tomey (Dude Perfect)
 - **Team 5:** Ben Crenshaw-Mark Wahlberg
 - **Team 6:** Jerry Pate-J.P. Morris-Larry the Cable Guy

Tournament Overview

The 42nd annual Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf will take place at Big Cedar Lodge for the sixth year. Sam Snead and Gardner Dickinson won the inaugural event in 1978, and this tournament is often credited with creating the foundation of what would become PGA TOUR Champions. It is the second-oldest tournament in senior golf, as the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship is the only tournament that exceeds its longevity.

Ozarks National has been added to the tournament rotation and will feature a 400-foot wooden beam and plank bridge, which connects the tee box and fairway of the 13th hole that stands 60-feet above a flowing creek. This year's 36-team Champions division includes nine members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: **Mark O'Meara, Larry Nelson, Sandy Lyle, Colin Montgomerie, Hale Irwin, Tom Kite, Vijay Singh, Ian Woosnam and Tom Watson**, along with **Retief Goosen**, who will join the Hall of Fame in June. Five of seven winners this year are also competing: **Miguel Angel Jimenez, Mark O'Meara, Kirk Triplett, Kevin Sutherland and Scott McCarron**.

Broadhurst, Triplett Return to Defend Title

In last year's final round **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. Broadhurst birdied Nos. 13 and 14 to keep his team tied with defending champions Carlos Franco and Vijay Singh. Triplett's birdie on No. 15 moved the team to 24-under, and they parred the final three holes en route to a 6-under final round and 24-under total. The team played all 67 holes without a bogey. They were 18-under in 29 holes of best ball (18 at Buffalo Ridge, 13 at Mountain Top, 18 at Top of the Rock), and 6-under in 18 holes of alternate shot (Top of the Rock). 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.

Common Connections

- **Teams that have won the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf**
 - Paul Broadhurst / Kirk Triplett (2018)
 - Carlos Franco / Vijay Singh (2017)
 - Billy Andrade / Joe Durant (2015)
 - Andy North / Tom Watson (2008)
- **Brothers**
 - Bart Bryant / Brad Bryant
- **College teammates**
 - Lee Janzen / Rocco Mediate (Florida Southern)
 - Corey Pavin / Duffy Waldorf (UCLA)
 - Brandt Jobe / Scott McCarron (UCLA)
 - John Cook / Joey Sindelar (Ohio State)
- **Teams of World Golf Hall of Famers**
 - Sandy Lyle / Ian Woosnam
 - Mark O'Meara / Colin Montgomerie
- **Regional connections**
 - Retief Goosen / Mark McNulty (South Africans)
 - Mike Reid / Dan Forsman (Provo, Utah)
 - Bob Tway / Scott Verplank (Edmond, Oklahoma)
 - Miguel Angel Jimenez / Jose Maria Olazabal (Spaniards)
 - Larry Mize / Scott Parel (residents of Augusta, Georgia)
 - Shaun Micheel / Loren Roberts (Memphis, Tennessee)
- **Charles Schwab Cup Championship connections**
 - Paul Goydos / Kevin Sutherland (2016, 2017 winners)

Tom's Take it Home

Tom Pernice and **Tom Watson** call home to Missouri, as both hail from Kansas City. Pernice will play alongside Scott Hoch, while Watson will be paired with Andy North. Pernice will make his ninth appearance at the event. His best finish came in 2014 when he finished T5 with partner Bob Tway. Watson will make his 12th start at the tournament. He won the event in 2008 with Andy North. Watson and North were just one of six teams in the 42-year history of the event to win wire-to-wire.

McCarron Makes Moves

Last week at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship, **Scott McCarron** birdied Nos. 13 and 15 to finish at 7-under and earn a two-shot, wire-to-wire victory. It was his ninth win on PGA TOUR Champions in 83 starts on Tour (since 2016), which is second-most on Tour in that span behind Bernhard Langer. In addition to the victory, McCarron owns one runner-up finish (Cologuard Classic), one third-place finish (Hoag Classic) and four finishes in the top 10. He moved to No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup for the second time in his career.

McCarron will partner up this week with fellow UCLA bruin **Brandt Jobe** for the third year. Last year, they posted their first top-10 finish (T9) at the event carding a 17-under 199 through four rounds. In seven starts this year, Jobe has posted three finishes in the top 10, with his best coming at the Cologuard Classic (T6).

First Dance at Big Cedar Lodge

Four PGA TOUR Champions players will tee it up at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf for the first time: **Dudley Hart**, **Shaun Micheel**, **Retief Goosen**, and **Ken Tanigawa**.

- Dudley Hart / Brad Faxon
- Shaun Micheel / Loren Roberts
- Retief Goosen / Mark McNulty
- Ken Tanigawa / Gene Sauers

New Teammate, Same Result?

Since the tournament began in 1978, seven players have won the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf with two different teammates. This year, one player could become the first to win with three different teammates, as **Michael Allen** is teaming up with John Daly.

Player	Teammate #1	Teammate #2
Jeff Sluman	Brad Faxon (2013)	Fred Funk (2014)
Michael Allen	David Frost (2012)	Woody Austin (2016)
Andy North	Jim Colbert (2000, 2001)	Tom Watson (2008)
Don January	San Sned (1982)	Gene Littler (1985, 1986)
San Sned	Gardner Dickinson (1978)	Don January (1982)
Gene Littler	Bob Rosberg (1981)	Don January (1985)
Roberto De Vincenzo	Julius Boros (1979)	Rod Funseth (1983)

Charles Schwab Cup Watch

With his win last week at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Scott McCarron claimed the leading spot in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, over six-week leader, Bernhard Langer (No. 2). Langer will not appear in this week's field, leaving Nos. 3 and 4 to fight for the top. With the winning team taking home \$342,000 (\$171,000 each), **Kevin Sutherland** (No. 3) and **Kirk Triplett** (No. 4) are the only two players in the field this week who could claim the top ranking in the Charles Schwab Cup this week.

Player	Money	Season Summary
1. Scott McCarron	\$624,118	Won Mitsubishi Electric Classic, four top-10s
2. Bernhard Langer	\$600,633	Won Oasis Championship, four top-five finishes
3. Kirk Triplett	\$562,066	Won Hoag Classic

4. Kevin Sutherland	\$526,675	Won Rapiscan Systems Classic
5. Tom Lehman	\$416,876	Two top-10s
6. David Toms	\$382,591	Three top-10s
7. Miguel Angel Jimenez	\$365,867	Won Chubb Classic
8. Woody Austin	\$359,062	Three top-10s

Hole-in-One History at Top of The Rock

Since Big Cedar Lodge first hosted this event in 2014, there have been nine hole-in-ones, including two last year.

Year	Player	Hole	Club	Yardage	Round
2018	Jay Haas	No. 7	GW	131	Second round
2018	John Houston	No. 14	9-iron	127	Fourth round
2017	Russ Cochran	No. 7	8-iron	154	First round
2017	Rocco Mediate	No. 11	SW	109	First round
2017	Duffy Waldorf	No. 11	SW	109	First round
2017	Tom Jenkins	No. 6	9-iron	119	First round
2015	Mike Reid	No. 17	4-iron	194	Third round
2015	Joe Durant	No. 12	7-iron	167	Third round
2014	Dale Douglass	No. 2	SW	98	Third round

Par 3 Contest Winners

The field features 10 players who have won the Masters Par 3 Contest, including 69-year-old Tom Watson, who became the event's oldest winner when he won last year.

Player	Year(s)
Joe Durant	1999
Bob Gilder	1989
Jay Haas	1976, 1996
Sandy Lyle	1997, 1998
Rocco Mediate	1991
Mark O'Meara	2007
Jerry Pate	2005
Vijay Singh	1994
David Toms	2001, 2003
Tom Watson	1982, 2018

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 birdied Nos. 13 and 15 to finish at 7-under and earn a two-shot, wire-to-wire victory at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic. It was his ninth win on PGA TOUR Champions and he moved to No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup for the second time in his career.
8. Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge
9. Insperity Invitational
10. Regions Tradition
11. KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
12. Principal Charity Classic
13. Mastercard Japan Championship
14. American Family Insurance Championship
15. U.S. Senior Open Championship
16. Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship
17. The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex
18. DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
19. Boeing Classic
20. Shaw Charity Classic
21. The Ally Challenge
22. Sanford International
23. PURE Insurance Championship
24. SAS Championship
25. Dominion Energy Charity Classic
26. Invesco QQQ Championship
27. Charles Schwab Cup Championship