



## Oasis Championship

The Old Course at Broken Sound | Boca Raton, Florida | February 8-10, 2019

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### Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** The Old Course at Broken Sound (Par 72, 6,807 yards)
- **Designed by:** Joe Lee (1978), Gene Bates (2004)
- **Purse:** \$1,700,000 (Winner: \$255,000)
- **Golf Channel Coverage (all times ET):** Friday: Noon – 2:30 p.m.; Saturday: 3:00-5:30 p.m.; Sunday: 3-5 p.m.
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@OasisChamp](#)), Instagram ([@oasischampionship](#)), [Facebook](#)

### Field Overview (as of 2/5/19)

The Oasis Championship is the first full-field event of the 2019 season, and The Old Course at Broken Sound will host the tournament for the 13th consecutive year. One year after finishing runner-up to **Mark Calcavecchia**, reigning Charles Schwab Cup champion **Bernhard Langer** returns and is one of 10 players looking to become the event's first repeat champion. Two players making their PGA TOUR Champions debuts are **Gary Nicklaus**, son of Jack Nicklaus, and **Retief Goosen**. In addition to Langer and Goosen, who will be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame this June, other Hall of Famers in the field include **Fred Couples**, **Colin Montgomerie**, **Jose Maria Olazabal** and **Ian Woosnam**.

- 31 of the 36 players who qualified for the 2018 Charles Schwab Cup Championship
- 10 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame (including Retief Goosen, who will be inducted in June)
- 10 former champions of the Oasis Championship
- 55 PGA TOUR winners with 329 total career victories
- 50 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 246 total career victories
- 19 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 19 with a PGA TOUR major

### 2018 Recap: Calcavecchia Wins Wire-to-Wire

**Mark Calcavecchia** captured his fourth PGA TOUR Champions title in wire-to-wire fashion, finishing 16-under and 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.

### **Langer's Legendary Legacy**

In 2018, **Bernhard Langer** recorded two victories, six runner-up finishes and 14 top-10s en route to winning his fifth Charles Schwab Cup. The 61-year-old won the Jack Nicklaus Award as the PGA TOUR Champions Player of the Year for the fifth year in a row and eighth time overall. He also won the Arnold Palmer Award (leading money winner) for the seventh straight year and 10th time overall, and the Byron Nelson Award (lowest scoring average) for the fifth straight year and seventh time overall. It was the seventh time Langer won all three year-end awards on PGA TOUR Champions, and the fourth time he has swept the awards and won the Charles Schwab Cup in the same year.

Langer opened the 2019 season with a T3 finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai and increased his career winnings to \$26,941,504. He trails all-time money leader Hale Irwin by \$179,050, and Langer can become No. 1 with a win this week. This week will be Langer's 12th start in his hometown event, and his record includes seven top-10s and a win in 2010.

	<b>Bernhard Langer</b>	<b>Hale Irwin</b>
Wins	38 (2nd)	45 (1st)
Top-10s	164 (4th)	210 (1st)
Money	\$26,941,504 (2nd)	\$27,120,554 (1st)
Charles Schwab Cups	5 (1st)	2 (T2)
Weeks led Schwab Cup	128 (1st)	63 (2nd)

*Pre-tournament media: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday (media center)*

### **Goosen's Golden Years**

**Retief Goosen** turned 50 on February 3 and he will make his PGA TOUR Champions debut this week. The South African won two U.S. Opens (2001, 2004) and topped the European Tour Order of Merit in 2001 and 2002, and he will be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in June. Should Goosen win this week, it would be the second time a player won the Oasis Championship in his Tour debut (Rocco Mediate/2013).

*Pre-tournament media: 10:25 a.m. Wednesday (media center)*

### **Son of the Golden Bear**

Also making his PGA TOUR Champions debut this week is **Gary Nicklaus**, who turned 50 on January 15. Gary, son of Jack Nicklaus, made 122 starts on the PGA TOUR from 1992-2003, and his best finish was a runner-up at the 2000 BellSouth Classic at TPC Sugarloaf. After regaining his amateur status in 2007, he won the Palm Beach County Amateur over a 15-year-old Daniel Berger.

*Pre-tournament media: ~12:15 p.m. Thursday (media center, after morning Pro-Am)*

### **Lehman the Early Gold Standard**

**Tom Lehman** became the season's first winner when he closed with a 7-under 65 to erase a four-shot deficit and win the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, his 12th career victory. Winner of the Charles Schwab Cup in 2011 and 2012, Lehman became the early leader and is atop the standings for the first time since 2012. This week will be his ninth start in Boca Raton, and his record includes five top-10s and one victory (2011).

### **Toms Extends Charles Schwab Cup Streak**

At the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, 36-hole leader **David Toms** settled for a runner-up finish after a three-putt bogey on the 18th hole left him one shot shy of Tom Lehman's winning total. Though he wasn't able to capture his second victory, Toms extended his streak to 28 consecutive weeks in the top-10 of the [Charles Schwab Cup standings](#). Jerry Kelly's 34 weeks is the longest active streak, while Bernhard Langer is third at 22 straight weeks. This week will be Toms' third start at the Oasis Championship, and he finished fourth in 2018.

### Quick Hits

- Prominent second-year players making their season debuts include **Chris DiMarco** and **Darren Clarke**. DiMarco tallied a 73.82 scoring average in six starts last year, while Clarke's best finish in six starts was a T24 at the Boeing Classic.
- **Hal Sutton** will make his first start on Tour since May 2017. The 60-year-old has 11 top-10s in 126 starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
- In addition to Retief Goosen and Gary Nicklaus, **Cliff Kresge** and **Ken Duke** will also make their PGA TOUR Champions debuts. Kresge earned fully-exempt status this season through Q-School last December, while Duke turned 50 on January 29 and is playing on a sponsor exemption this week.
- **Miguel Angel Jimenez** won his first two senior majors in 2018 (Regions Tradition, The Senior Open Championship) and finished a career-best fifth in the Charles Schwab Cup. He opened his season with a T25 finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- **Scott McCarron**, winner of the 2017 Oasis Championship, finished second in last year's final Charles Schwab Cup standings. It was his third-straight top-five finish in the season-long points race, and he has finished second on the money list each of the last two years.
- **Woody Austin** has carded 30 consecutive rounds of par or better, the longest active streak on Tour. Jay Haas and Colin Montgomerie share the record (38). This will be Austin's fourth start in Boca Raton, and each of his last six rounds at The Old Course at Broken Sound have been par or better.

### Rich History of Champions

In the tournament's first 12 years, the largest margin of victory is two (2007/Mark James, 2013/Rocco Mediate, 2018/Mark Calcavecchia). The champion has won by one stroke five times and there have been four playoffs. Mark James (2007) and Mike Goods (2009) are the only two past champions not in this year's field.

Year	Winner	Score
2018	March Calcavecchia	-16
2017	Scott McCarron	-17
2016	Esteban Toledo <sup>4</sup>	-11
2015	Paul Goydos	-12
2014	Michael Allen <sup>3</sup>	-18
2013	Rocco Mediate	-17
2012	Corey Pavin <sup>2</sup>	-11
2011	Tom Lehman	-13
2010	Bernhard Langer <sup>1</sup>	-17
2009	Mike Goodes	-15
2008	Scott Hoch	-14
2007	Mark James	-15

### Playoff history:

1. 2010 – Bernhard Langer holed a 45-foot bunker shot for eagle on the first extra hole to defeat John Cook.
2. 2012 – Corey Pavin birdied the first extra hole to defeat Peter Senior.
3. 2014 – Michael Allen two-putted for birdie on the second extra hole to defeat Duffy Waldorf.
4. 2016 – Esteban Toledo parred the third extra hole to defeat Billy Andrade.

**Course Overview: The Old Course at Broken Sound**

The Old Course at Broken Sound has hosted the Boca Championship every year since the tournament's inception. For the sixth straight year, the 507-yard, par-5 18th was the easiest closing hole on Tour in 2018, yielding 9 eagles, 142 birdies and a 4.351 scoring average. Overall, it was the third-easiest hole on Tour last season. Conversely, the 203-yard, par-3 16th was the toughest hole in 2018, as it played to a 3.307 average, 22nd hardest on Tour.

Year	R1	R2	R3	Overall Average (Rank)
2018	70.740	71.065	72.701	71.503 (11th)
2017	71.063	69.114	69.192	69.797 (23rd)
2016	72.407	70.778	73.654	72.280 (10th)
2015	72.914	71.667	71.088	71.893 (15th)
2014	70.663	69.671	71.000	70.446 (22nd)
2013	71.173	71.309	72.296	71.592 (17th)
2012	70.975	72.432	72.788	72.062 (12th)
2011	70.741	72.425	71.900	71.685 (13th)
2010	70.925	69.810	71.671	70.803 (20th)
2009	71.750	71.423	69.987	70.996 (19th)
2008	71.756	70.103	72.282	71.380 (20th)
2007	71.367	71.051	71.731	71.381 (21st)

***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 to- 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
3. Chubb Classic
4. Cologuard Classic
5. Hoag Classic
6. Rapiscan Systems Classic
7. Mitsubishi Electric Classic
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