



## Boeing Classic

The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge | Snoqualmie, Washington | August 23-25, 2019

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### Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge (Par 72 / 7,264 yards)

**Purse:** \$2,100,000

### **Golf Channel Television Coverage (all times Eastern):**

- Friday: 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. (Tape Delay)
- Saturday: 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- Sunday: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

### Field Overview (as of August 20, 2019 at 1:40 p.m. PST)

The 15<sup>th</sup>-annual Boeing Classic will feature nine of the top-10 players on the Charles Schwab Cup money list, including leader **Scott McCarron** and defending champion **Scott Parel**. Five past champions of the Boeing Classic will compete in this year's event, including two-time winner **Bernhard Langer** (No. 5). World Golf Hall of Fame members **Retief Goosen** (Class of 2019) and **Davis Love III** (Class of 2017) will make their tournament debuts. In total, there are seven World Golf Hall of Fame members in the field (**Fred Couples**-2013, **Langer**-2002, **Colin Montgomerie**-2013, **Mark O'Meara**-2015, **Vijay Singh**-2006).

<b>Boeing Classic Champion</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Score</b>
Scott Parel	2018	198 (-18)
Jerry Kelly	2017	197 (-19)
Bernhard Langer	2016	203 (-13)
Billy Andrade	2015	207 (-9)
Scott Dunlap	2014	200 (-16)
John Riegger	2013	201 (-15)
Jay Don Blake	2012	206 (-10)
Mark Calcavecchia	2011	202 (-14)
Bernhard Langer	2010	198 (-18)
Loren Roberts	2009	198 (-18)
Tom Kite	2008	202 (-14)
Denis Watson	2007	207 (-9)
Tom Kite	2006	201 (-15)
David Eger	2005	199 (-17)

### **Field Highlights:**

- 23 of the top-25 on the Charles Schwab Cup money list
- 55 PGA TOUR winners with 292 total career victories
- 48 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 209 total career victories
- 16 players with a PGA TOUR major victory, 21 with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory

**2018 Recap: Scott Parel Wins at the Club at Snoqualmie Ridge**

**Scott Parel** won the Boeing Classic for his first PGA TOUR Champions title, closing with a 9-under 63 for a convincing three-stroke victory over **Kevin Sutherland**. Parel opened with a 65 for a share of the lead, but after a second-round 70, found himself five strokes behind **Sutherland** and **Ken Tanigawa** entering Sunday's final round. He birdied the final six holes on the front nine to complete the comeback and seize the win at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge. It was Parel's 57<sup>th</sup> start on PGA TOUR Champions.

**Parel Prepared to Defend**

**Scott Parel** will look to defend a title for the first time in his career and is looking to become the first player to successfully defend at Snoqualmie Ridge and join **Bernard Langer** (2010, 2016) and **Tom Kite** (2006, 2008) as the only players to win multiple Boeing Classic titles. Parel has played in 18 events this season, amassing eight top-10s and three runner-up finishes.

*Media availability: Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. PST*

**Catch Him if You Can**

The Boeing Classic is the eighth straight tournament where **Scott McCarron** is guaranteed to maintain his top spot in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, as his lead (\$568,178) is greater than the winner's share (\$315,000). McCarron has led ever since his win at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in April, a span of 12 events. His T4 finish at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open allowed him to eclipse the \$2 million mark for the third straight season. In 17 events McCarron has earned \$2,102,505.

**Hometown Hero**

Seattle native **Fred Couples** will make his ninth start in his hometown event. The only PGA TOUR Champions event he's played more often is the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (10). He has three third-place finishes at the Boeing Classic (2010, 2013, 2015), and last year a third-round 65 helped him finish T15. The World Golf Hall of Fame member has four top-10 finishes this year (DICK'S Sporting Goods Open 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai T5, Oasis Championship T8, and Hoag Classic T10).

*Media availability: Thursday, 12:00 p.m. PST (range)*

**From Enshrinement to the Emerald City**

Two months ago, **Retief Goosen** became just the fourth South African to be enshrined into the World Golf Hall of Fame. This week, he will make his Boeing Classic debut.

Goosen is coming in hot to the Emerald City, having claimed the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship last month as well as a T3 finish at The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex. Overall, Goosen has finished inside the top-25 in 12 of 14 events this year, including five top-10s.

**What's Love got to do with it?**

Fellow World Golf Hall of Fame member **Davis Love III** (2017) was in attendance at the WGHOFF Ceremony to support "The Goose." He too will be making his Boeing Classic debut.

Love made his PGA TOUR Champions season debut last week at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open where he posted a 4-under 212 total, finishing T32. This week represents Love's 15th start on PGA TOUR Champions. He picked up an unofficial win at the 2018 PNC Father-Son Challenge with his son **Dru Love**.

**Lurking Langer**

A PGA TOUR Champions event wouldn't feel complete without the presence of Bernhard Langer, who has been in the winner's circle 40 times.

The Boeing Classic is one of 10 tournaments Langer has won more than once, and a third victory this week would make this tournament the sixth he’s won at least three times. He has won the Insuperity Invitational and The Senior Open Championship four times.

- Insuperity Invitational (4 – 2007, 2008, 2014, 2018)
- The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex (4 – 2010, 2014, 2017, 2019)
- Mitsubishi Electric Classic at Hualalai (3 – 2009, 2014, 2017)
- Chubb Classic (3 – 2011, 2013, 2016)
- Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship (3 – 2014, 2015, 2016)
- Regions Tradition (2 – 2016, 2017)
- 3M Championship (2 – 2009, 2012)
- Boeing Classic (2 – 2010, 2016)
- SAS Championship (2 – 2012, 2018)
- Oasis Championship (2 – 2010, 2019)

The five-time Charles Schwab Cup champion is coming off a T24 finish at the DICK’S Sporting Goods Open, and he enters the week No. 5 in the standings. Last year, Langer received the Payne Stewart Award, presented annually by the PGA TOUR to a professional golfer who best exemplifies Stewart’s steadfast values of character, charity and sportsmanship.

**Speaking of the Payne Stewart award...**

This week, Hale Irwin will be honored with the PGA TOUR’s 2019 Payne Stewart Award presented by Southern Company. Born in Joplin, Missouri, but raised in Baxter Springs, Kansas, Irwin was first introduced to the game at 4 years old and spent countless hours with his father practicing on the sand greens at their local municipal course. He attended the University of Colorado where he was the 1967 NCAA individual champion in golf and two-time All-Big Eight selection as a defensive back in football. Irwin and his wife Sally currently reside in Paradise Valley, Arizona, and have two children, Becky and Steven.

Irwin, who has a record 45 PGA TOUR Champions victories, will be honored on Tuesday, August 20, at the Payne Stewart Award Ceremony in conjunction with the TOUR Championship. The ceremony will be televised live on Golf Channel as part of a “Golf Central” special from 7-8 p.m. ET.

**Remember When...**

It was 12 years ago that the Boeing Classic was the site of the largest playoff in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event as seven players participated in the record-setting event, with **Denis Watson** sinking an 18-foot eagle putt on the second playoff hole for the win. After **Gil Morgan, Dana Quigley, David Eger** and **Joe Ozaki** were eliminated, Watson joined **Craig Stadler** and **R.W. Eaks** for a second hole after chipping in from 23 feet for a birdie on the first extra hole. Moments later, he sank the putt to become the first PGA TOUR Champions player at the time to win a playoff with an eagle since **Lee Elder** won the 1985 Merrill Lynch Golf Digest Commemorative. **Ray Stewart**, who led the event by four strokes after 36 holes, narrowly missed the playoff, falling one stroke shy. His undoing came on Nos. 15 and 17 when he made double bogeys on each of the holes.

**The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge by the Numbers**

- **Hardest hole (2018):** No. 9 (par-3, 196 yards) – 3.164 average (25 birdies, 157 pars, 37 bogeys); it was the 77<sup>th</sup> hardest hole on Tour.
- **Easiest hole (2018):** No. 15 (par-5, 590 yards) – 4.659 average (1 eagle, 96 birdies, 118 pars); it was the 41st easiest hole on Tour.

Year	R1	R2	R3	Overall Average
2018	70.846	70.870	71.766	71.159

## *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), Pdraig 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. **Coloquard Classic:** Mark O'Meara ended an eight-year winless drought when he won the Coloquard 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. **Insperity Invitational:** Three back-nine birdies lifted Scott McCarron to a two-stroke victory over Scott Parel at the Insperity 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 at the Principal Charity Classic. 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.
14. **American Family Insurance Championship:** Wisconsin native Jerry Kelly defeated tournament host Steve Stricker and World Golf Hall of Fame member Retief Goosen in a three-hole playoff to secure his fourth victory Sunday at the American Family Insurance Championship. Kelly became the tournament's fourth straight come-from-behind winner as he started the day T5.

15. **U.S. Senior Open:** Steve Stricker claimed his first U.S. Senior Open victory and second major championship win of the year with a six-stroke win over Jerry Kelly and David Toms. After building a six-shot lead through 54 holes, Stricker carded a final-round 69 to finish at 19-under 261, the second-lowest score in relation to par in U.S. Senior Open history.
16. **Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship:** With birdies on the last two holes, Retief Goosen won by two strokes with a 6-under total and captured his first senior major title at Firestone Country Club. It marked the 17th time the tournament was won by a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame and the first PGA TOUR sanctioned win for Goosen since the 2009. With the victory, Goosen earned an exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship in 2020.
17. **The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex:** Trailing by three at the start of the final round, Bernhard Langer shot a final-round 66 to win his fourth Senior Open title and his Tour-record 11th senior major. It was his 40th win, second most in PGA TOUR Champions history, and he became the third player to win the same major four times.
18. **DICK'S Sporting Goods Open:** Open qualifier Doug Barron won the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open by two strokes over Fred Couples to secure his first title on PGA TOUR Champions. Barron, who had to go through the tournament's pre-qualifier to earn a spot in the Open qualifier, became the first player in PGA TOUR Champions history to survive both qualifiers and win that same week.
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