



## Chubb Classic

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### Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** The Classics at Lely Resort (6,843 yards / Par 71)
- **Designed by:** Gary Player (1990)
- **Purse:** \$1,600,000 (Winner: \$240,000)
- **Golf Channel Coverage (all times ET):** Friday – 12-2 p.m.; Saturday – 3-5:30 p.m.; Sunday – 3-5 p.m.
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@ChubbClassic](https://twitter.com/ChubbClassic)), Instagram ([@chubbclassic](https://www.instagram.com/chubbclassic)), [Facebook](#)

### Field Overview (as of 2/12/19)

The Florida swing continues this week in Naples for the 32nd-annual Chubb Classic. The year's second full-field event features seven past champions, including 2018 winner **Joe Durant** and three-time winner **Bernhard Langer**, who is coming off his 39th career victory at last week's Oasis Championship. Also in the field is **Steve Stricker**, who finished second last year and was recently named a captain's assistant for this year's Presidents Cup in Australia. **Darren Clarke** and World Golf Hall of Fame 2019 inductee **Retief Goosen** are among the players making their tournament debuts.

- 33 of the 36 players who qualified for the 2018 Charles Schwab Cup Championship
- 9 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame (including Retief Goosen, who will be inducted in June)
- 7 former champions of the Chubb Classic
- 58 PGA TOUR winners with 342 total career victories
- 50 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 265 total career victories
- 21 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 17 with a PGA TOUR major

### 2018 Recap: Durant Outlasts Stricker for Third Career Title

Over the last six holes at TwinEagles Club, **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.

**Langer’s Legendary Legacy**

With his win at the Oasis Championship, **Bernhard Langer** broke or extended multiple PGA TOUR Champions records.

- Moved to **No. 1 on the Tour’s all-time money list** with \$27,196,504. He surpassed Hale Irwin, who has won \$27,120,554 and is in this week’s field.
- **13 straight seasons with a victory** (extended his record).
- **Sixth win at age 60 or older** (extended his record). At the age of 61 years, 5 months, 14 days, Langer became the Tour’s eighth-oldest winner.
- **39th win of his career** (second-most in Tour history). He has won 16.6 percent of his starts (39 wins in 235 starts), or one win every 6.03 starts.

The Chubb Classic is one of 10 tournaments Langer has won multiple times (2011, 2013, 2016). If he wins this week, this would be the second tournament he has won four times (Insperity Invitational) and it would be the fifth time he has won in back-to-back starts.

**Stricker in South Florida**

**Steve Stricker** will make his second start of the season this week at the Chubb Classic. He tied for 29th at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, his worst finish in 14 starts on PGA TOUR Champions. In 2018, he won three times and posted top-five finishes in all seven of his starts, including a tie for second at the Chubb Classic. Since joining the Tour in 2017, Stricker has 67.87 scoring average and 36 of his 38 rounds have been under par.

On Tuesday, it was announced that Stricker will join Tiger Woods in Australia for his second stint as a Presidents Cup captain’s assistant (2015) after he selected Woods as an assistant in 2017. A five-time Presidents Cup competitor (1996, 2007, 2009, 2011, 2013), Stricker boasts a 14-10 record and finished with a 2-2 record the last time the Presidents Cup was played at The Royal Melbourne Golf Club in 2011.

**Strong Starters**

Four players have started the season with top-10 finishes at each of the first two events.

	Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai	Oasis Championship	Charles Schwab Cup
Bernhard Langer	T3	1st	1st
David Toms	2nd	4th	3rd
Marco Dawson	T10	2nd	4th
Fred Couples	T5	T8	5th

- **Bernhard Langer**, a five-time Charles Schwab Cup champion, is No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. Since 2008 (his first full season on Tour), he has led the standings 129 of 285 weeks (45.26%).
- This is the second straight season **David Toms** has opened with two top-five finishes. Last year, he added a T2 finish at the Chubb Classic and took the lead in the Charles Schwab Cup through three weeks. He has been among the top-10 of the Charles Schwab Cup standings each of the last 29 weeks, the second-longest streak on Tour (35/Jerry Kelly).
- **Marco Dawson** has posted three straight top-10s, including his T8 finish at last year’s season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship. The only other time he put together a three-tournament top-10 streak was in 2014, and the last time he posted back-to-back top-10s was 2015 when he won The Senior Open Championship and finished T5 at the 3M Championship the next week.
- **Tom Lehman** won the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai and is No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup. He finished T19 at last week’s Oasis Championship.
- **Fred Couples**, who was named a Presidents Cup captain’s assistant on Tuesday, is playing the Genesis Open and is not in the field for the Chubb Classic.

**Quick Hits**

- **Woody Austin** has carded 33 consecutive rounds of par or better, the longest active streak on Tour. Jay Haas and Colin Montgomerie share the record (38). Austin improved to 12th in the Charles Schwab Cup after finishing T5 at the Oasis Championship.
- **Retief Goosen** turned 50 on February 3 and finished T24 in his Tour debut at the Oasis Championship. The South African will be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame this June.
- At last week's Oasis Championship, **Darren Clarke** closed with a 7-under 65, tied for the best final round, to finish T10, his first top-10 on PGA TOUR Champions. Last year, his best finish in six starts was a tie for 24th at the Boeing Classic.

**Hall of Fame History**

The Chubb Classic has been won by a World Golf Hall of Famer 12 times, including: three-time winner Bernhard Langer; two-time winners Fred Couples, Hale Irwin and Lee Trevino; Gene Littler, Lanny Wadkins and Gary Player, winner of the inaugural event in 1988. This year's field includes nine members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: Retief Goosen (2019 inductee), Hale Irwin, Tom Kite, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara, Sandy Lyle, Jose Maria Olazabal and Ian Woosnam.

**Past Champions in the Field**

The 78-player field includes seven past champions: Joe Durant (2018), Bernhard Langer (2011, 2013, 2016), Lee Janzen (2015), Kirk Triplett (2014), Loren Roberts (2006, 2009), Scott Hoch (2008) and Hale Irwin (2002).

2018	Joe Durant	2002	Hale Irwin
2017	Fred Couples	2001	Gil Morgan
2016	Bernhard Langer	2000	Lanny Wadkins <sup>1</sup>
2015	Lee Janzen <sup>4</sup>	1999	Allen Doyle
2014	Kirk Triplett	1998	Gil Morgan
2013	Bernhard Langer	1997	Hale Irwin
2012	Kenny Perry	1996	Al Geiberger
2011	Bernhard Langer	1995	Bob Murphy
2010	Fred Couples	1994	Mike Hill
2009	Loren Roberts	1993	Mike Hill
2008	Scott Hoch <sup>3</sup>	1992	Jimmy Powell
2007	Bobby Wadkins	1991	Lee Trevino
2006	Loren Roberts	1990	Lee Trevino
2005	Mark James	1989	Gene Littler
2004	Craig Stadler <sup>2</sup>	1988	Gary Player
2003	Vicente Fernandez		

**Playoff history:**

1. 2000 – Lanny Wadkins bested Tom Watson, Jose Maria Canizares and Walter Hall.
2. 2004 – Craig Stadler made a 27-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to defeat Tom Watson and Gary Koch.
3. 2008 – Scott Hoch birdied the 54th hole and birdied the first playoff hole to defeat Tom Kite, Tom Jenkins and Brad Bryant.
4. 2015 – Lee Janzen defeated Bart Bryant on the first playoff hole. After both Janzen and Bryant hit their drives on the first extra hole, Bryant's second shot hit railroad ties in front of 18 and caromed into the water, opening the door for Janzen, who then hit his 7-iron to 40 feet and two putted for the win.

**Three Decades in Naples**

Now in its 32nd year, the Chubb Classic is the longest-running tournament in the same metropolitan area on PGA TOUR Champions. Since 1988, nine courses have hosted the Chubb Classic. When The Classics at Lely Resort hosted the 1996 Chubb Classic, Al Geiberger tallied a 14-under total and won by one over Isao Aoki.

<b>Years</b>	<b>Course</b>
1988-1990	The Club at Pelican Bay
1991-1995	The Vinyards
1996	The Classics at Lely Resort
1997-1999	Bay Colony Golf Club
2000-2001	Pelican Marsh
2002-2006	The TwinEagles Club (Talon)
2007-2008	Quail West
2009	TPC Treviso Bay
2010-2011	The Quarry
2012-2018	The TwinEagles Club (Talon)
2019	The Classics at Lely Resort

***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:** 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
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. Insuperity 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