



## DICK'S Sporting Goods Open

En-Joie Golf Club | Endicott, New York | August 12-18, 2019

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### Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** En-Joie Golf Club (Par 72 / 6,994 yards)

**Course Designer:** Ernie Smith (1927)

**Purse:** \$2,050,000 (Winner: \$307,500)

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

- Friday: 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (tape delay)
- Saturday: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (live)
- Sunday: 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. (live)

### Field Overview (as of 8/13/19)

The 13th-annual DICK'S Sporting Goods Open will return to En-Joie Golf Club, which hosted the PGA TOUR's B.C. Open from 1972-2005. The 78-player field will be highlighted by five World Golf Hall of Fame members including **Fred Couples**, who returns to En-Joie Golf Club for the first time since 1995, 2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open winner **Bernhard Langer** and Davis Love III. Couples won the 1991 B.C. Open and will be joined by five New York natives: **Chris DiMarco** (Huntington), **Dudley Hart** (Rochester), **Mike Hulbert** (Elmira), **Wayne Levi** (Little Falls), **Joey Sindelar** (Horseheads) and **Jeff Sluman** (Rochester).

- Five World Golf Hall of Fame members
- 53 PGA TOUR winners with 289 total career victories
- 48 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 232 total career victories
- 22 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 14 with a PGA TOUR major

### Bryant is Back

**Bart Bryant** made a 40-foot birdie putt on the No. 18 hole to secure a one-shot victory over Michael Bradley at the 2018 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open. Bryant put his lead out of reach, as he made a 25-foot birdie putt on the final hole and secured his second win at En-Joie Golf Club. Bryant became the first repeat winner in tournament history (2013, 2018), as the win came nearly five years to the day, as both of his wins on PGA TOUR Champions have come at this event.

Since winning the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open last season, Bryant has made 16 starts in 2019 with four finishes in the top 25. His best came at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf where he finished T13 alongside brother Brad.

### Fred Couples Returns to En-Joie

World Golf Hall of Fame member **Fred Couples** will make his DICK'S Sporting Goods Open debut this week, but will return to En-Joie Golf Course for the first time in 24 years. Couples won the 1991 B.C. open, an event he competed in eight times. Couples opened his week with a 5-under 66 to sit two shots back of Blaine McCallister through 18 holes, while a second-round 67 moved him into solo-third at 9-under-par, but suddenly a distant four shots back of good friend Brad Faxon entering the weekend. Come the par-3 17<sup>th</sup> hole on Sunday, Couples was at 15-under, one-stroke ahead of

Faxon. He was able to par the final hole as Faxon double-bogeyed, leaving Couples with a two-stroke victory. The victory was his fifth of 15 notched in his PGA TOUR career.

On PGA TOUR Champions, Couples had competed nine years with at least seven starts. This week will be Couples eighth start of the year. He owns 13 victories, 12 runner-up finishes and 66 finishes in the top 10 on Tour. His best finish this year was a T5 finish at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualali and ranks No. 48 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

### **Scott McCarron, a Man of Moves**

**Scott McCarron** has been a force on PGA TOUR Champions since joining the Tour in 2015, and this season he has become a dominant presence. He has notched three wins (Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Inispaity Invitational, Mastercard Japan Championship), which brings his total career wins on Tour to 11. McCarron held steady at No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive week, and his lead has been more than \$400,000 the last seven weeks. The Charlotte resident won the 2017 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open in dramatic fashion when he carded rounds of 61-64 over the weekend to defeat Kevin Sutherland by one-stroke to earn his fifth victory of his PGA TOUR Champions career at the time. McCarron now owns 11 victories, eight runner-up finishes and 48 finishes in the top 10 in just five seasons on Tour.

### **B.C. Open Champions in the Field**

Eight players in the field won the B.C. Open when it was played at En-Joie from 1972-2005: **Jeff Sluman** (2001), **Fred Funk** (1996), **John Daly** (1992), **Fred Couples** (1991), **Mike Hulbert** (1989), **Joey Sindelar** (1987, 1985), **Jay Haas** (1981) and **Wayne Levi** (1984), who will be making his 39<sup>th</sup> start at En-Joie.

This year will be the 47th PGA TOUR-sanctioned event at En-Joie Golf Club. It hosted the B.C. Open 34 times, and this will be the 13<sup>th</sup> playing of the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.

### **A Hall of Fame Field**

- **Fred Couples** and **Davis Love III** are among the five members of the World Golf Hall of Fame in this week's field.
- **Bernhard Langer** secured his 40<sup>th</sup> victory and 11<sup>th</sup> major championship title in his last start at the British Senior Open presented by Rolex. The victory marked the eighth consecutive year he has won multiple tournament and became the all-time money leader on Tour. Langer won the 2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open and has finished six of his seven starts in the top 25.
- Newest World Golf Hall of Fame inductee and two-time U.S. Open champion **Retief Goosen** claimed seven PGA TOUR victories. Goosen joined PGA TOUR Champions in February and has made 13 starts. Goosen won his first PGA TOUR Champions victory at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship last month.
- **Colin Montgomerie** is making his fifth start at the event. The six-time PGA TOUR Champions winner has posted five finishes in the top 10 this season, with his best coming at the Chubb Classic (T6).

### **DICK'S Sporting Goods Open in the PGA TOUR Champions Record Book**

- **Kevin Sutherland** carded a 13-under 59 in the second round of the 2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open. It is the only sub-60 round in PGA TOUR Champions history.
- **Bernhard Langer** was bogey-free for the entire tournament en route to his victory in 2014. Only 19 tournaments have been won by players going bogey-free.
- **Willie Wood**, winner of the 2012 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, is the last Open Qualifier to win on Tour.
- Making his third career start, **John Huston** won the 2011 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open at the age of 50 years, 25 days. He is the 13th-youngest winner in Tour history.

### **En-Joie Earnings**

Fred Funk leads the combined career money list at En-Joie and is the only player to clear the \$1 million mark so far. Here is a look at the top five money leaders at En-Joie:

Rank	Player	B.C. Open earnings	DICK'S earnings	Total \$
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<b>1</b>	<b>Fred Funk</b>	<b>\$643,367.75</b>	<b>\$443,864.17</b>	<b>\$1,087,231.92</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Joey Sindelar</b>	<b>\$411,218.75</b>	<b>\$488,605.00</b>	<b>\$899,823.75</b>
<i>3</i>	<i>Brad Faxon</i>	<i>\$721,574.70</i>	<i>\$115,880.00</i>	<i>\$837,454.70</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>Jeff Sluman</b>	<b>\$634,318.35</b>	<b>\$185,297.08</b>	<b>\$819,615.43</b>
<i>5</i>	<i>Craig Stadler</i>	<i>\$682,925.50</i>	<i>\$93,384.00</i>	<i>\$776,309.50</i>

### **En-Joie Course Statistics**

**Easiest Hole:** The 545-yard, par-5 12th has ranked as the easiest hole 11 of the 12 years. Last year, the hole yielded four eagles and 105 birdies against just nine bogeys and one double bogey, and it played to a 4.551 average.

**Hardest Hole:** In 2018, the 432-yard 15th hole was the hardest hole (4.198), yielding just 25 birdies against 31 bogeys and 18 double bogeys. Overall, it was the 56<sup>th</sup> most difficult hole on Tour last year.

	<b>R1</b>	<b>R2</b>	<b>R3</b>	<b>Total (Rank)</b>
<b>2018</b>	71.171	71.592	70.093	70.944 (17 <sup>th</sup> of 26)
<b>2017</b>	70.769	71.091	71.104	70.986 (16 <sup>th</sup> of 26)
<b>2016</b>	71.225	71.938	72.911	72.021 (12 <sup>th</sup> of 26)
<b>2015</b>	71.713	70.797	71.000	71.173 (19 <sup>th</sup> of 24)
<b>2014</b>	70.840	70.313	72.388	71.179 (17 <sup>th</sup> of 26)
<b>2013</b>	71.513	69.725	70.582	70.605 (23 <sup>rd</sup> of 26)
<b>2012</b>	71.050	71.772	71.449	71.424 (20 <sup>th</sup> of 24)
<b>2011</b>	71.600	70.848	70.570	71.008 (17 <sup>th</sup> of 24)
<b>2010</b>	71.372	70.662	70.653	70.901 (18 <sup>th</sup> of 26)
<b>2009</b>	70.641	70.286	70.355	70.430 (23 <sup>rd</sup> of 25)
<b>2008</b>	71.359	70.390	70.442	70.732 (26 <sup>th</sup> of 29)
<b>2007</b>	73.641	71.436	71.846	72.308 (11 <sup>th</sup> of 30)

## ***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 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
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