



Dominion Energy Charity Classic

The Country Club of Virginia (James River Course) | Richmond, Virginia | October 17-20, 2019
Tournament 1 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

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Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** The Country Club of Virginia – James River Course (Par 72 / 7,025 yards)
- **Designed by:** William S. Flynn (1928); Renovation by Rees Jones (1992); Restored by Lester George (2003)
- **Purse:** \$2,000,000 (Winner: \$305,000 / 610,000 points)
- **Schwab Cup Points:** Every dollar earned is equivalent to 2 points in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- **Golf Channel Coverage:** 1:00-5:00 p.m. ET (Friday); 1:30-5:00 p.m. ET (Saturday and Sunday)
- **Social Media:** @DECCGolf (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook)

Field Overview (as of 10/15/19)

The fourth-annual Dominion Energy Charity Classic will kick off the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs for the third year in a row, as the field of top-72 players will compete at The Country Club of Virginia's James River Course. **Woody Austin (No. 8)** will return to defend his title, along with 2016 and 2017 Charity Classic champions, **Scott McCarron (No. 1)** and **Bernhard Langer (No. 7)**. Notable players making their Charity Classic debuts include **Retief Goosen (No. 6)**, **Darren Clarke (No. 40)** and **Chris DiMarco (No. 49)**.

- 44 players have qualified for the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs all four years
- 47 PGA TOUR winners with 275 total career victories
- 50 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 227 total career victories
- 20 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 13 with a PGA TOUR major
- 5 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame (Retief Goosen, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara, Vijay Singh)

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Overview

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.

Remaining schedule:

- November 1-3 | Invesco QQQ Championship (Sherwood Country Club, Thousand Oaks, California)
- November 7-10 | Charles Schwab Cup Championship (Phoenix Country Club, Phoenix, Arizona)

McCarron Opens Playoffs as Points Leader

Scott McCarron has led the Charles Schwab Cup standings the last 18 consecutive weeks, a streak that started after he won the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in April. Since McCarron took the lead, five different players have been No. 2 in the standings: Bernhard Langer (2 weeks), Kirk Triplett (3 weeks), Ken Tanigawa (2 weeks), Steve Stricker (4 weeks) and current No. 2 Jerry Kelly (7 weeks).

Rank	Player	Events	Points	Wins	Trailing
1	Scott McCarron	23	2,475,915	3	
2	Jerry Kelly	20	2,254,485	3	221,430
3	Kirk Triplett	22	1,539,898	2	936,017
4	Steve Stricker*	9	1,534,327	2	941,588
5	David Toms	18	1,474,612	0	1,001,303
6	Retief Goosen	20	1,427,185	1	1,048,730

*Not in this week's field

1. Scott McCarron (2,475,915 points)

Winner of the inaugural Dominion Energy Charity Classic, McCarron has three wins this season. A front-runner since April, he won his first event of the season at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, followed by another just two weeks later at the Insuperity Invitational. He is the first player besides Bernhard Langer to top the standings at the start of a Playoffs event.

- McCarron has carded a Tour-best 14 top-10 finishes and three wins
- Charles Schwab Cup finishes: 2nd (2018), 3rd (2017), 4th (2016), 45th (2015 – rookie season)
- Best finish at the Charity Classic: 1st (2016)

2. Jerry Kelly (2,254,485 points)

2017 Rookie of the Year and six-time PGA TOUR Champions winner Jerry Kelly has held the No. 2 position in the Charles Schwab Cup standings for seven consecutive weeks. He has collected three wins this season, first in his hometown at the American Family Insurance Championship, followed by The Ally Challenge, and most recently last week at the SAS Championship. This season, Kelly has won \$2,254,485, his highest mark in three seasons on PGA TOUR Champions, and he leads the Tour with a 69.34 scoring average.

- In addition to his three wins, Kelly has also carded nine top-10 finishes.
- Charles Schwab Cup finishes: 6th (2018), 7th (2017 – rookie season).
- Best finish at the Charity Classic: T34 (2018)

3. Kirk Triplett (1,539,898 points)

Kirk Triplett collected two victories this season on PGA TOUR Champions, bringing his career total to eight. Triplett captured his first win of the season in Newport Beach at the Hoag Classic and most recently, he won the PURE Insurance Championship by holing a 10-foot birdie putt to defeat Billy Andrade on the first playoff hole.

- In addition to his two wins, Triplett has three runner-up finishes.
- Charles Schwab Cup finishes: 13th (2018), 22nd (2017), 21st (2016), 19th (2015), 6th (2014), 8th (2013), 20th (2012 – rookie season).
- Best finish at the Charity Classic: T44 (2016)

5. David Toms (1,474,612 points)

David Toms, the winner of 13 PGA TOUR titles, has earned one victory, the U.S. Senior Open Championship, since joining PGA TOUR Champions in 2017. Although he hasn't won yet this season, Toms has strung together an impressive season highlighted by three runner-up finishes and five other top-10s. He leads the Tour in Putting Average (1.729 putts per GIR) and Birdie Average (4.30 per round).

- Charles Schwab Cup finishes: 7th (2018), 11th (2017 – Rookie Season)
- Best finish at the Charity Classic: T18 (2017)

Overall, the field includes 67 of the 72 Playoffs qualifiers. The five players not competing: Steve Stricker (No. 4), Kevin Sutherland (No. 11), Tom Lehman (No. 15), Fred Couples (No. 29), Fran Quinn (No. 58).

Langer, Looming in the Shadows

2017 Dominion Energy Charity Classic champion **Bernhard Langer** makes his fourth start this week at the James River Course, entering the Playoffs ranked No. 7 in the standings. This season, he has collected nine top-10 finishes, including his 40th career victory at The Senior Open Championship, and he's second only to Hale Irwin (45) on the all-time victory list.

In 2018, Langer returned to defend his title entering the week ranked No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. He began the final round of the Charity Classic just three strokes behind leader **Jay Haas**, and by the 18th hole had a chance to eagle to force a playoff, but he settled for a birdie and a solo second-place finish at 10-under. **Woody Austin** came away with the win, posting a final-round 69 (205/11-under).

At the 2017 Charity Classic, Langer made an 18-foot eagle putt on the 54th hole to win by one over **Scott Verplank**. It was his sixth of seven victories that year, as he also won the second Playoffs event, and he went on to win his ninth money title and was named Player of the Year for the seventh time.

Langer made history last season at the conclusion of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, when he won his record fifth Cup.

- Charles Schwab Cup finishes: 1st (2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018), 2nd (2012, 2013, 2017), 3rd (2008), 4th (2009), 24th (2011)

Austin, We Don't Have a Problem

Defending champion **Woody Austin** has posted 11 straight top-20 finishes, a stretch that includes seven top-10s, and he's ascended to No. 8 in the Charles Schwab Cup. He shared the 36-hole lead at last week's SAS Championship before posting a final-round 71 and finishing T3. He has posted eight consecutive first-round scores in the 60s and he leads the Tour in scrambling (70.87%). Last year, Austin and Vijay Singh were the only two players to post top-10s in each of the three Playoffs events.

Peaking for the Playoffs

Since the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs began in 2016, just three players have posted top-10s in at least half of the Playoffs events. **Scott McCarron** and **Bernhard Langer** lead the way with top-10s in six of the nine Playoffs events, while the list also includes 2016 Charles Schwab Cup Championship winner **Paul Goydos** (5).

Playoffs Top-10s	Player	Dominion Energy Charity Classic		
		2016	2017	2018
6	Scott McCarron	Win	T8	T28
6	Bernhard Langer	T6	Win	2nd
5	Paul Goydos	T10	T39	T15

Playoffs Rookies

Among the top-72 are 10 players who qualified for the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs for the first time: Retief Goosen (6th), Ken Duke (33rd), Doug Barron (35th), Darren Clarke (40th), Chris DiMarco (49th), Stephen Leaney (54th), Gibby Gilbert III (61st), John Huston (65th), Steve Jones (68th) and Cliff Kresge (69th).

- 2019 marked a milestone year for **Retief Goosen**, who turned 50 and joined PGA TOUR Champions in February. Four months later, the two-time U.S. Open champion was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame. Since then, Goosen has gone on to win a senior major championship (Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS) and has notched a total of eight top-10s.
- **Darren Clarke** (40th) is in his second season on PGA TOUR Champions. In 19 starts, Clarke has placed in the top 10 four times, with his best finish coming at the Cologuard Classic (T2).

- **Chris DiMarco** (49th) joined PGA TOUR Champions in 2018 but did not qualify for the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs after playing just six events following his 50th birthday in August. His record this season includes two top-10s in 22 starts. His two best finishes were T6 at the U.S. Senior Open Championship and again last week at the SAS Championship.

Bubble Watch: 54 Players to Advance After Dominion

After Sunday's final round, the top-54 players in the standings will qualify for the Invesco QQQ Championship. Last year, two players moved into the top-54 and advanced to the second week of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs.

- For the second year in a row, **Fran Quinn** advanced to the second Playoffs event because of a top-10 finish at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic. Quinn birdied the 18th hole to cap off a final-round 69 and post a 9-under total. He finished T3, his best finish of the season.
- **Corey Pavin** finished T15 and improved to 53rd in the standings, which was 13,929 points ahead of 55th-ranked Mike Goodes.

2018 Finish	Player	To Par	Scores	2018 Schwab Cup Standings	
				Before	Current
T3.	Fran Quinn	-9	67-71-69 – 207	64th	45th – IN
T15.	Corey Pavin	-5	70-68-73 – 211	57th	53rd – IN
-	Fred Couples	-	-	53rd	56th – OUT
-	Mark O'Meara	WD	71-WD	54th	57th – OUT

This year, **Stephen Leaney** is the player on the bubble entering the Playoffs.

Player	Points	Points from No. 54
50. Jeff Sluman	345,900	44,251
51. Esteban Toledo	318,202	16,553
52. Glen Day	313,621	11,972
53. John Daly	302,220	571
54. Stephen Leaney	301,649	0
55. Bart Bryant	265,874	-35,775
56. Willie Wood	265,285	-36,365
57. Jesper Parnevik	247,549	-54,100

By the Numbers: The Country Club of Virginia – James River Course

Hardest hole (2018): No. 14 (par 3, 218 yards) – 3.242 average, 15 birdies, 49 bogeys

Easiest hole (2018): No. 18 (par 5, 516 yards) – 4.524 average, 9 eagles, 88 birdies, third-easiest 18th hole on Tour.

Year	R1	R2	R3	Total	Rank
2018	71.391	69.730	72.806	71.302	13th/26
2017	71.132	69.433	70.179	70.252	21st/26
2016	71.151	71.566	70.151	70.956	20th/26

Charles Schwab Cup History

In 2018, seven different players led the standings throughout the season, tied for the most in Tour history, and **Jerry Kelly** led more weeks (9) than **Bernhard Langer** (7). After losing the top spot in June at the American Family Insurance Championship, Langer regained it four months later with a win at the SAS Championship, and his Playoffs performances ensured he wouldn't lose the lead again. He finished second at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic and then traveled to the Invesco QQQ Championship and finished T6, his 14th top-10 of the season. Langer's lead grew to over 250,000 points, but five challengers remained, as **Scott Parel, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Jerry Kelly, Scott McCarron and David**

Toms each had a mathematical chance to unseat Langer and win the Cup. With **Vijay Singh** claiming the tournament title, Langer's T13 finish was just enough to solidify his fifth Charles Schwab Cup victory. He finished the season with two wins, six runner-up finishes and 14 top-10s, and he won his seventh consecutive money title.

	Champion	Runner-up
2018	Bernhard Langer	Scott McCarron
2017	Kevin Sutherland	Bernhard Langer
2016	Bernhard Langer	Colin Montgomerie
2015	Bernhard Langer	Colin Montgomerie
2014	Bernhard Langer	Colin Montgomerie
2013	Kenny Perry	Bernhard Langer
2012	Tom Lehman	Bernhard Langer
2011	Tom Lehman	Mark Calcavecchia
2010	Bernhard Langer	Fred Couples
2009	Loren Roberts	John Cook
2008	Jay Haas	Fred Funk
2007	Loren Roberts	Jay Haas
2006	Jay Haas	Loren Roberts
2005	Tom Watson	Dana Quigley
2004	Hale Irwin	Craig Stadler
2003	Tom Watson	Jim Thorpe
2002	Hale Irwin	Bob Gilder
2001	Allen Doyle	Bruce Fleisher

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Tournament Recaps

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. **Inspire Invitational:** Three back-nine birdies lifted Scott McCarron to a two-stroke victory over Scott Parel at the Inspire 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. 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:** Brandt Jobe overcame a seven-shot deficit on Sunday to close in 63 at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge to capture the second PGA TOUR Champions title of his career. Overnight leader and Seattle native Fred Couples entered the final round with a five-shot lead but bogeyed five of his final 13 holes for a 4-over 76.
20. **Shaw Charity Classic:** Wes Short, Jr.'s second shot caromed off a rock and bounced onto the 18th green, which set-up a two-putt birdie and a one-stroke victory over two-time defending champion Scott McCarron. It was Short's second win on PGA TOUR Champions, and it broke a streak of 125 starts since his last victory (2014 Quebec Championship).
21. **The Ally Challenge:** Jerry Kelly closed with a bogey-free 68 to post a 16-under total and a two-stroke victory over Woody Austin. Kelly played his last 45 holes without a bogey en route to his second win of the season.
22. **Sanford International:** Playing in the fifth-to-last group, Rocco Mediate birdied the last two holes and won with a 9-under total when Ken Duke double bogeyed the 18th hole. Mediate started the day three shots off the lead and tied for ninth, and the win was his first since the 2016 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, a span of 71 starts without a victory.
23. **PURE Insurance Championship:** Kirk Triplett defeated Billy Andrade on the first playoff hole to secure his second victory of the season. Triplett became the second player in the history of the PURE Insurance Championship to own three titles at the event.
24. **SAS Championship:** Jerry Kelly shot a front-nine 29 en route to a 7-under 65 and a one-stroke victory over David McKenzie at the SAS Championship. The win is Kelly's third of the season and he'll enter the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs in second behind Scott McCarron, who has led each of the last 18 weeks.
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