



Invesco QQQ Championship

Sherwood Country Club | Thousand Oaks, California | November 1-3, 2019

Tournament 2 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

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Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** Sherwood Country Club (Par 72 / 7,059 yards)
- **Designed by:** Jack Nicklaus (1989)
- **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:** 1:30 – 5:00 p.m. PT (Friday and Saturday); 12:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. PT (Sunday)
- **Social Media:** @InvescoQQQChamp (Twitter, Instagram, Facebook)

Field Overview (as of 10/29/19)

The fourth-annual Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs continue this week in Thousand Oaks, California, at the Invesco QQQ Championship where a field of the top-54 players will compete. **Scott Parel** (No. 8) will return to defend his title, along with 2017 Invesco QQQ Championship winner **Bernhard Langer** (No. 4). The field will be headlined by Charles Schwab Cup standings leader **Scott McCarron**, who has held the No. 1 position for 19 consecutive weeks. Notable players making their Invesco QQQ debuts include **Retief Goosen** (No. 7), **Ken Duke** (No. 30), **Doug Barron** (No. 35), **Darren Clarke** (No. 40) and **Chris DiMarco** (No. 52).

- 31 players have qualified for the second Playoffs event all four years
- 39 PGA TOUR winners with 235 total career victories
- 40 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 212 total career victories
- 20 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 12 with a PGA TOUR major
- 6 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame (Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Fred Couples, Mark O'Meara, Retief Goosen, Vijay Singh)

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Overview

At the start of the Playoffs, each player's regular-season money total became 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 advanced, 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)



There are 11 players that have played in every Playoffs event since 2016: Billy Andrade, Brandt Jobe, Colin Montgomerie, Duffy Waldorf, Gene Sauers, Joe Durant, Miguel Angel Jiménez, Paul Broadhurst, Paul Goydos, Scott McCarron, Wes Short, Jr.

Notable players not on that list:

- Bernhard Langer did not play in the 2016 Invesco QQQ Championship
- Kirk Triplett did not play in the 2018 Dominion Energy Charity Classic

McCarron Maintains Status as Points Leader

After a T17 finish at the first Playoffs event, the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, **Scott McCarron** maintained his position atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings. McCarron has led the standings the last 19 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** (8 weeks).

Rank	Player	Events	Points	Wins	Trailing
1	Scott McCarron	24	2,535,915	3	
2	Jerry Kelly	21	2,283,365	3	252,550
3	Kirk Triplett	23	1,611,898	2	924,017
4	Bernhard Langer	20	1,611,809	2	924,106
5	Woody Austin	25	1,589,850	0	946,065

1. Scott McCarron (2,535,915 points)

The front-runner in the Charles Schwab Cup standings since April, McCarron 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 maintain the No. 1 position in the standings heading into the second Playoffs event. He also leads the Tour with a 69.40 scoring average.

- 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 Invesco QQQ Championship: 4th (2017)

2. Jerry Kelly (2,283,365 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 eight consecutive weeks. His has collected three wins this season, first in his hometown at the American Family Insurance Championship, followed by The Ally Challenge, and most recently at the SAS Championship. This season, Kelly has won \$2,268,925 his highest mark in three seasons on PGA TOUR Champions.

- In addition to his three wins, Kelly has also carded nine other top-10 finishes.
- Charles Schwab Cup finishes: 6th (2018), 7th (2017 – rookie season).
- Best finish at the Invesco QQQ Championship: T8 (2017)

3. Kirk Triplett (1,611,898 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 Invesco QQQ Championship: T10 (2018)

4. Bernhard Langer (1,611,809 points)

2017 Invesco QQQ champion Bernhard Langer makes his fourth start this week at Sherwood Country Club, entering the second Playoffs event ranked No. 4 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. 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)
- Best finish at the Invesco QQQ Championship: 1st (2017)

5. **Woody Austin (1,589,850 points)**

Woody Austin is having one of his strongest seasons in six years on PGA TOUR Champions. Despite not claiming a victory, he owns two runner-up finishes (Hoag Classic; The Ally Challenge), two third-places finishes (DICK'S Sporting Goods Open; SAS Championship) and 11 finishes in the top 10.

- Charles Schwab Cup Championship finishes: T5 (2018), T4 (2017), T17 (2015), T12 (2014)
- Best finish at the Invesco QQQ Championship: T10 (2018)

Overall, the field includes 52 of the 54 Playoffs qualifiers. The two players not competing are Steve Stricker (No. 4) and Kevin Sutherland (No. 14).

Jimenez Joins Playoffs Winners Circle

Miguel Angel Jimenez tied a course record with a final-round 63 to post an 18-under total and a two-shot victory at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, the first Playoffs event. The victory was the first Playoffs win in his career, second win of the season and eighth overall win of his career.

Jimenez has found his footing at the Invesco QQQ Championship. In 2018, he posted consecutive rounds of 68 through Saturday but a 73 in the final round moved him to T6 after losing in a playoff to Bernhard Langer the year prior. Jimenez will make his fourth start at Sherwood Country Club and in nine rounds owns a 69.89 scoring average.

2018 Recap: Parel Pars for the Prize

In 2018, **Scott Parel** shot a 4-under 68 on Sunday, paring the final five holes at Sherwood Country Club to hold off Paul Goydos by a stroke and claim his second victory on PGA TOUR Champions. Parel moved from No. 6 to No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings with the top-36 players qualifying for the season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship. He went on to finish the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs ranked No. 5 after finishing 18th at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

Parel will return to defend his title this week at the Invesco QQQ championship ranked No. 8 in the standings. This season he has notched three second-place finishes and nine total top-10s.

Five New Players Debut at Second Playoff Event

Among the 52 players in the field are five players that qualified for the second Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs event for the first time: **Retief Goosen** (7th), **Ken Duke** (30th), **Doug Barron** (35th), **Darren Clarke** (40th), **Chris DiMarco** (52nd).

- 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. He has five top-10s in his last six starts, including a T10 in his Playoffs debut last week at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic.
- PGA TOUR Champions rookie **Ken Duke** has had a standout season on PGA TOUR Champions, posting four top-10s in 19 starts and qualifying for the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs for the first time. Last week Duke placed T17 at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic and enters this week ranked No. 30 in the standings, with a chance to advance to the Charles Schwab Cup Championship next week at Phoenix Country Club.
- Tennessee native **Doug Barron** joined PGA TOUR Champions in 2019 and has qualified for the second Playoffs event after making just eight starts this season. He captured his first win on Tour in August at the DICK'S

Sporting Goods Open and enters this week ranked No. 35 in the standings. If Barron maintains that position he will advance to the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

- **Darren Clarke** 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** 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 the SAS Championship.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Implications

The top-54 players in the Charles Schwab Cup standings have qualified for the Invesco QQQ Championship. Following the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, **Tommy Tolles** moved into 37th place and is in contention for a spot in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, while **Bart Bryant** birdied four of his last five holes to post a final-round 66 and earn enough points to move to 53rd.

2019 DECC	Player	To Par	Scores	2019 Schwab Cup Standings	
				Before	Current
2.	Tommy Tolles	-16	65-67-68 – 200	59th	37th – IN
T12.	Bart Bryant	-9	70-71-66 – 207	55th	53rd – IN
T30.	Stephen Leaney	-3	71-70-72 – 213	54th	56th – OUT
T47	Esteban Toledo	E	71-70-75 – 216	51st	55th – OUT

Bubble Watch: 36 Players to Advance After Invesco

After Sunday's final round, the top-36 players in the standings will qualify for the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.

- Last year, **Stephen Ames** was the only player to start outside the top-36 and moved into the top-36 and advanced to the final week of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs.
- Mark Calcavecchia was the only player to start inside the top-36 and move outside of the top-36.

2018 IQQQ	Player	To Par	Scores	2018 Schwab Cup Standings	
				Before	Current
T3.	Stephen Ames	-8	72-65-71 – 208	42nd	27th – IN
49.	Mark Calcavecchia	+16	77-79-76 – 232	35th	39th – OUT

This year's bubble around No. 36 includes a mix of veterans and newcomers. Jay Haas (No. 33) is a two-time winner of the Charles Schwab Cup and is looking to make his 13th start at the season finale, while Duffy Waldorf (No. 36) is hoping to make his seventh straight trip to the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. Tom Pernice Jr. (No. 34) won the inaugural Invesco QQQ Championship and has made seven trips to the Schwab Cup Championship, a tournament he won in 2014.

In contrast, five players ranked 35th-40th are looking for their first trip to the Charles Schwab Cup Championship: **Doug Barron** (No. 35), **Tommy Tolles** (No. 37), **Tom Gillis** (No. 38), **David McKenzie** (No. 39) and **Darren Clarke** (No. 40).

Player	Points	Points from No. 36
33. Jay Haas	620,711	27,747
34. Tom Pernice Jr.	600,306	7,342
35. Doug Barron	597,454	4,490
36. Duffy Waldorf	592,964	0
37. Tommy Tolles	578,452	-14,512

38. Tom Gillis	568,895	-24,069
39. David McKenzie	568,218	-24,746
40. Darren Clarke	526,435	-66,529

By the Numbers: Sherwood Country Club

Hardest hole (2018): No. 4 (par 4, 457 yards) – 4.235 average, 11 birdies, 34 bogeys

Easiest hole (2018): No. 2 (par 5, 536 yards) – 4.611 average, 7 eagles, 57 birdies

Year	R1	R2	R3	Total	Rank
2018	71.380	71.120	71.143	71.215	14th/26
2017	72.250	71.451	71.784	71.831	7th/26
2016	71.206	71.029	73.791	72.000	13th/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.
25. **Dominion Energy Charity Classic:** Miguel Angel Jimenez tied a course record with a final-round 63 to post an 18-under total and a two-shot victory at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic. The win was Jimenez's second of the season and eighth of his career, while Tommy Tolles finished second and advanced to the second event in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs.
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