

Principal Charity Classic

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Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** Wakonda Club (Par 72, 6,831 yards)
- **Designed by:** Williams B. Langford (1922)
- **Purse:** \$1,850,000 (Winner: \$277,500)
- **Golf Channel Coverage (all times ET):** Friday: 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Saturday: 3-6:30 p.m.; Sunday: 2:30-5 p.m.
- **Quick Links:** [Tournament Field](#) | [Tee Times](#)
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@PCCTourney](#)), Instagram ([@principalcharityclassic](#)), [Facebook](#)

Tournament Overview (as of May 28, 2019)

The 19th-annual Principal Charity Classic will be played at Wakonda Club for the seventh year. **Tom Lehman** will look to defend his title, and he'll be joined by fellow past champions **Brandt Jobe**, **Scott McCarron**, **Mark Calcavecchia**, **Tom Pernice Jr.**, **Russ Cochran** and three-time winner **Jay Haas**. There are 11 players making their tournament debuts, including World Golf Hall of Fame members **Vijay Singh** and **Retief Goosen** (2019 inductee), as well as **Brandel Chamblee** and **Gary Nicklaus**.

Off the course, the tournament raised more than \$4.3 million for Iowa charities in 2018, and since 2007 more than \$17.7 million has been raised. The Principal Charity Classic has been recognized with a number of PGA TOUR Champions Tournament Awards, including the President's Award in 2016 and the Players Award in 2010. In 2018, the PGA TOUR Champions Charity of the Year was Variety – the Children's Charity of Iowa, an official tournament charity partner.

- 7 former champions of the Principal Charity Classic
- 26 of the top 30 players in the Charles Schwab Cup
- 52 PGA TOUR winners with 259 total career victories
- 46 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 203 total career victories
- 18 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 13 with a PGA TOUR major

2018 Recap: Lehman Wins Weather-Shortened Event

After Sunday tee times were delayed by 4 hours, 20 minutes due to thunderstorms in the area, tournament officials cancelled the final round at 1:30 p.m. CT and declared the champion would be second-round leader **Tom Lehman**. Lehman won in his seventh start at the Principal Charity Classic, and all 20 of his rounds have been under par. He has seven top-10s and he has a 68.43 scoring average since the tournament moved to Wakonda Club in 2013.

Lehman is one of 15 players that has won on the Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions, and he is the only player that has been named Player of the Year on all three tours. He opened the 2019 season with a win at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, his 12th career win, and he is currently No. 8 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Lehman Press Conference: 10 a.m. Thursday (media center)

It All Started in Des Moines

In 2016, **Scott McCarron's** debut at the Principal Charity Classic was his 18th start on PGA TOUR Champions. He birdied the last three holes Sunday en route to a final-round 65 and a one-stroke victory. Since his maiden win three years ago, McCarron has won nine more times and has finished fourth (2016), third (2017) and second (2018) in the final Charles Schwab Cup standings. He has multiple wins each of the last four years, including victories at this year's Mitsubishi Electric Classic and Insperity Invitational, and he is the 38th player with at least 10 wins in Tour history.

Since his first full season on PGA TOUR Champions in 2016, McCarron has 10 wins and nearly \$7.6 million in winnings. Those figures are second only to Bernhard Langer, who has 14 wins and nearly \$9.7 million in winnings since 2016. This season, McCarron has led the Charles Schwab Cup each of the last five weeks and he currently leads by \$483,460 over Ken Tanigawa, winner of last week's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

McCarron Press Conference: 11 a.m. Thursday (media center)

An Elusive Win for Langer

Bernhard Langer's win at this year's Oasis Championship was the 39th of his career and he moved to No. 1 on the Tour's all-time money list (current total: \$ 27,594,658). He has finished in the top-15 of all eight of his starts this year, including at T12 finish at last week's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, and he is currently No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

The Principal Charity Classic is one of just nine tournaments on this year's 27-event schedule that Langer has not won. Of those tournaments, he has not played in two of them, the Mastercard Japan Championship and The Sanford International. In his last two starts in Des Moines, he finished fourth in 2017 and T2 last year, and in four starts at Wakonda Club his scoring average is 69.73.

Tournament Debuts

The field includes 11 players making their tournament debuts: Brandel Chamblee, Darren Clarke, Chris DiMarco, Ken Duke, Tom Gillis, Retief Goosen, Dudley Hart, Cliff Kresge, Stephen Leaney, Gary Nicklaus and Vijay Singh.

- **Brandel Chamblee**, an analyst on the Golf Channel, will make his second start on PGA TOUR Champions. Last year, he qualified for The Senior Open Championship at St. Andrews and missed the cut after rounds of 77-75.
- **Darren Clarke** has two top-10s this season, including a tie for second at the Cologuard Classic, and is No. 31 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Retief Goosen** is coming off a fourth-place finish at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and is No. 22 in the Charles Schwab Cup. He will be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame during U.S. Open week in June.
- **Gary Nicklaus** will make his third start of the season (T51/Oasis Championship, T72/Rapiscan Systems Classic).
- **Vijay Singh** won three times in 2018, including a victory at the season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship. He has two top-10s in seven starts this year and is No. 25 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Tanigawa Near the Top

Last week, **Ken Tanigawa** captured his first major title when he won the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship at Oak Hill. The two-time Arizona Amateur champion (2015, 2017) earned status through Q-School in 2017 and won the PURE Insurance Championship last year en route to Rookie of the Year honors. This year, he has three top-10s and improved from No. 22 to 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings following his \$585,000 payday last week.

Player	Money	Season Summary	Last Week
1. Scott McCarron	\$1,346,628	Two wins, seven top-10s	2nd
2. Ken Tanigawa	\$863,168	Won Senior PGA Championship, three top-10s	Won
3. Bernhard Langer	\$773,154	Won Oasis Championship, five top-10s	T12
4. Kirk Triplett	\$728,062	Won Hoag Charity Classic, three runner-ups	T28
5. David Toms	\$610,845	Two runner-ups, four top-10s	DNP

Past Champions in the Field

Each of the last seven past champions will compete at Wakonda Club. Three-time champion **Jay Haas** will make his 13th start at the Principal Charity Classic.

Year	Champion
2018	Tom Lehman
2017	Brandt Jobe
2016	Scott McCarron
2015	Mark Calcavecchia
2014	Tom Pernice Jr.
2013	Russ Cochran
2012	Jay Haas
2011	Bob Gilder
2010	Nick Price
2009	Mark McNulty
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2006	Gil Morgan
2005	Tom Jenkins
2004	D.A. Weibring
2003	Don Pooley
2002	Bob Gilder
2001	Jim Thorpe

Seventh Year at Wakonda Club

The tournament was played at Glen Oak Country Club from 2001-2004 and 2006-2012, with one year at the Tournament Club of Iowa in 2005. Since 2013, the Principal Charity Classic has been played at Wakonda Club. In 2018, the par-72 layout played to a 70.357 average, which made Wakonda Club the fourth-easiest course on Tour.

Hardest hole: No. 1 (par 4, 431 yards) – 15 birdies, 4.123 average, fourth-hardest opening hole on Tour in 2018

Easiest hole: No. 13 (par 5, 529 yards) – 2 eagles, 63 birdies, 4.623 average.

Noteworthy: No. 18 (par 4, 311 yards) – It was the shortest finishing hole on Tour in 2018 and the sixth-easiest hole at Wakonda Club last year (3.727 average).

Year	R1	R2	R3	Overall Average (Rank)
2018	70.519	70.195	-	70.356 (24th / 27)
2017	70.705	71.833	71.714	71.415 (10th / 26)
2016	71.086	71.198	71.765	71.350 (18th / 26)
2015	71.198	71.852	70.778	71.276 (17th / 24)
2014	71.457	70.568	72.325	71.446 (14th / 26)
2013	73.469	71.575	72.675	72.577 (8th / 26)

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
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