



## Regions Tradition

Greystone Golf & Country Club (Founders Course) | Birmingham, Alabama | May 9-12, 2019

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### Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** Greystone Golf & Country Club (Founders Course)
- **Par:** 72; **Yardage:** 7,277
- **Course Designer(s):** Bob Cupp/ Hubert Green (1991, 2015)
- **Purse:** \$2,400,000 (Winner: \$360,000)
- **Golf Channel Coverage (all times CT):** Thursday/Friday: 11-2 p.m.; Saturday/Sunday: 2-5 p.m.
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@RegionsTrad](#)), Instagram ([@RegionsTradition](#)), [Facebook](#)

### Field Overview (as of 5/7/19)

Defending champion **Miguel Angel Jimenez** headlines a 78-player field that features a total of eight past Regions Tradition champions, including two-time winners **Bernhard Langer** (2016, 2017), **Fred Funk** (2008, 2010) and **Tom Lehman** (2011, 2012) along with **David Frost** (2013), **Tom Kite** (2000), **Jeff Maggert** (2015) and **Kenny Perry** (2014).

Thirty-four of the top-36 players in the current Charles Schwab Cup standings will compete in Birmingham this week, as well as eight players who have won this season: Tom Lehman, Bernhard Langer, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Kirk Triplett, Kevin Sutherland, Scott Hoch, Tom Pernice and Scott McCarron.

Additional field highlights:

- Six members of the World Golf Hall of Fame (including Retief Goosen, who will be inducted in June)
- 62 PGA TOUR winners with 349 total career victories
- 57 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 285 total career victories
- 21 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title; 18 with a PGA TOUR major title

### 2018 Recap: Miguel Angel Jimenez secures his first major victory

**Miguel Angel Jimenez** won the Regions Tradition for his first major title on PGA TOUR Champions after holding or sharing the lead after every round. Leading by three through 54 holes, he closed with a final-round 70 en route to a total of 19-under 269, tying his lowest 72-hole score and marking his fifth PGA TOUR Champions victory. Jimenez became the sixth international player to win in the tournament's 30-year history. **Joe Durant**, **Gene Sauers** and **Steve Stricker** finished in a three-way tie for second.

Jimenez posted top-10s in all five senior majors last year. The last player to accomplish that feat was Bernhard Langer in 2015. Last year, Jimenez finished with a Tour-best 68.40 scoring average in the five majors.

**McCarron Marking No. 10**

**Scott McCarron** is coming off his 10<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR Champions victory, as he won the Insuperity Invitational by two strokes on Sunday. The win was his second of the season, extending his streak to four straight years with multiple victories, and he became the 38<sup>th</sup> player with at least 10 wins on PGA TOUR Champions.

McCarron is making his fourth start at the Regions Tradition. He has finished in the top-six each time, with his best being a runner-up to Bernhard Langer in 2017. McCarron has 10 top-10s in 16 starts in senior majors, including a win at the 2017 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. Last year, he posted top-five finishes in four of the five majors.

**Stricker Strikes Back**

**Steve Stricker** returns to the field after attempting to defend his title at the Rapiscan Systems Classic, where he ultimately finished T5, his best this season. Stricker began his 2019 season at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, where he finished T19 (his worst finish in 14 starts on PGA TOUR Champions) but rebounded to post two finishes in the top 10. Stricker has competed in five PGA TOUR events this season, making the cut three times.

This week, Stricker will make his third start at the Regions Tradition. Last year, he finished runner-up to Jimenez by three strokes, and T13 the year prior.

**Langer Looking for Three**

**Bernhard Langer** owns 10 major championship victories (the most all-time) and is the only player to win all five majors and complete the “Senior Slam”. In 52 career starts in senior majors, he has 39 top-10s (75%) and 10 wins (19%), and his worst finish was a 23<sup>rd</sup> at the 2010 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. In 10 starts at the Regions Tradition, Langer owns two victories and eight top-10 finishes (his worst finish was T17 in 2009). The Regions Tradition is one of 10 tournaments Langer has won more than once.

This season Langer won the Oasis Championship for his 39<sup>th</sup> victory on PGA TOUR Champions. He finished runner-up at the Chubb Classic, losing to Miguel Angel Jimenez in a playoff and has posted four finishes in the top-10.

A year after winning his fifth Charles Schwab Cup, Langer has posted four top-five finishes in six starts this season and is currently No. 3 in the standings.

- No. 1 on the Tour’s all-time money list
- 13 straight seasons with a victory (Tour record)
- 39 wins (second-most in Tour history)
- Six wins at age 60 or older (Tour record)
- He has won 16.32 percent of his starts (39 wins in 239 starts), or one win in every 6.12 starts
- Since 2008 (his first full season on Tour), he has led the Charles Schwab Cup 133 of 292 weeks (45.55%), including five weeks this season

**SEC Connections**

Ten players in the field attended a SEC school: Jerry Pate (Alabama), John Daly (Arkansas), John Huston (Auburn), Mark Calcavecchia (Florida), Scott Parel (Georgia), Tommy Tolles (Georgia), Russ Cochran (Kentucky), Steve Flesch (Kentucky), David Toms (LSU) and Jeff Maggert (Texas A&M).

**Major Season Starts**

The Regions Tradition is the first of five major championships in the next eight tournaments on PGA TOUR Champions.

1. **Regions Tradition** | May 9-12 | Greystone Golf & Country Club (Birmingham, Alabama)
2. **KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship** | May 23-26 | Oak Hill Country Club (Rochester, New York)
3. **U.S. Senior Open Championship** | June 27-30 | Warren Golf Course Norte Dame (Norte Dame, Indiana)
4. **Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship** | July 11-14 | Firestone Country Club (Akron, Ohio)
5. **The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex** | Royal Lytham and St. Annes (Lancashire, England)

**Finding Par at Founders**

The Founders Course at Greystone Golf & Country Club, which hosted the Bruno's Memorial Classic from 1992 through 2005, returns as host for a fourth consecutive year. Originally designed by Bob Cupp and Alabama native Hubert Green, the course underwent renovations in 2015.

With a scoring average of 71.017, Greystone Golf & Country Club ranked as the 16<sup>th</sup>-toughest course on Tour last season, its lowest average in the past three years of the event.

- Hardest hole: No. 3 (par 4, 453 yards) – 40 birdies, 180 pars, 60 bogeys
- Easiest hole: No. 2 (par 5, 532 yards) – 10 eagles, 119 birdies, 148 pars

Year	R1	R2	R3	R4	Overall Average (Rank)
2018	71.117	71.132	71.351	70.444	71.017 (16 <sup>th</sup> )
2017	71.684	71.821	72.013	70.481	71.502 (9 <sup>th</sup> )
2016	71.63	71.235	73.136	73.148	72.287 (9 <sup>th</sup> )

**Charles Schwab Cup Watch**

With his 10<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR champions title and second victory of the season, Scott McCarron is the Charles Schwab Cup leader for the third week in a row as he extended his lead to \$326,572 over Kirk Triplett. This week, Triplett is the only player that can win the \$360,000 top prize and overtake McCarron at the top of the standings. Defending champion Miguel Angel Jimenez ranks No. 9, \$595,174 behind McCarron.

Player	Money	Season Summary
1. Scott McCarron	\$996,868	Won Mitsubishi Electric Classic & Insuperity Invitational
2. Kirk Triplett	\$670,296	Won Hoag Classic
3. Bernhard Langer	\$635,877	Won Oasis Championship
4. Kevin Sutherland	\$594,002	Won Rapiscan Systems Classic
5. Tom Lehman	\$504,876	Won Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai

# ***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 birdied Nos. 13 and 15 to finish at 7-under and earn a two-shot, wire-to-wire victory at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic. It was his ninth win on PGA TOUR Champions and he moved to No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup for the second time in his career.
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. **Inspirity Invitational:** Three back-nine birdies lifted Scott McCarron to a two-stroke victory over Scott Parel at the Inspirity 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
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