



## Sanford International

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### Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** Minnehaha Country Club (Par 70 / 6,729 yards)

**Course Designer:** William Langford (1922)

**Purse:** \$1,800,000 (Winner: \$270,000)

**Golf Channel Coverage:** All three rounds, 6-8 p.m. ET

### Field Overview (as of 9/17/19)

The race for the Charles Schwab Cup continues with the second-annual Sanford International in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The sixth-to-last event of the season will include four of the top-five players in the standings: five-time Charles Schwab Cup winner **Bernhard Langer** (No. 5), **David Toms** (No. 4), **Jerry Kelly** (No. 2) and **Scott McCarron** (No. 1). Kelly and McCarron are coming off a final-round showdown at The Ally Challenge, where Kelly shot a bogey-free 68 and prevailed for his second win of the season. Also in the field are **Tom Byrum**, who was born in Onida, South Dakota, as well as **Jeff Sluman**, who will be making his 1,000th combined start on the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions.

- 6 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
- 53 PGA TOUR winners with 299 total career victories
- 44 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 199 total career victories
- 17 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 18 with a PGA TOUR major

### A Hall of Fame Field

Six members of the World Golf Hall of Fame will play in Sioux Falls. **Sandy Lyle** (T63), **Colin Montgomerie** (T35) and **Vijay Singh** (T63) played in last year's inaugural event, while three Hall of Famers will make their debuts this year.

- **Retief Goosen** turned 50 on February 3, 2019, and was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame during the week of the U.S. Open. One month later, he tallied his first victory at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, breaking a winless streak of 10 years, 3 months, 22 days and 190 starts in PGA TOUR-sanctioned events. He's coming off a sixth-place finish at The Ally Challenge, his seventh top-10 of the year, and he's No. 6 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Bernhard Langer** has two wins this season, including his Tour-record 11th major victory at The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex. The five-time Charles Schwab Cup champion is the Tour's all-time leading money winner (\$28,156,183) and is second on the all-time wins list (40). He is currently fifth in the Schwab Cup.
- **Davis Love III** will make his fourth start of the year and 17th on PGA TOUR Champions. Most recently, he opened with a career-best 65 at the Shaw Charity Classic, but closed with rounds of 73-71 and finished T43.

*Love pre-tournament interview: 10 a.m. Thursday*

*Goosen pre-tournament interview: 11:30 a.m. Thursday*

**Back for More**

A new Sanford International champion will be crowned Sunday, as Steve Stricker is not back for his title defense. Last year, Iowa's **Jerry Smith** matched Stricker with a first-round 63 and went on to finish T2, while **Tim Petrovic** closed with a 65 and improved from T15 to T2. Overall, this year's field includes 10 players that finished T9 or better in 2018:

- T2/-9 – Tim Petrovic, Jerry Smith
- T4/-8 – Brandt Jobe
- T6/-7 – Woody Austin, Tom Gillis, Kirk Triplett
- T9/-6 – Olin Browne, Joe Durant, Paul Goydos, Rocco Mediate

**Sluman the Ironman**

This week, 62-year-old **Jeff Sluman** will make his 1,000th combined start and become the 21st player to reach that milestone. He has played at least 24 tournaments every year since 2008, and he has played in every senior major since he turned 50 – a streak of 61 consecutive majors. **Jay Haas** (1,103 starts) is the only other player in this week's field with 1,000 starts, while 1996 PGA Championship winner **Mark Brooks** (992) is also nearing the milestone. Miller Barber is the all-time leader with 1,314 (711 PGA TOUR, 603 PGA TOUR Champions).

- **First PGA TOUR start:** 1980 U.S. Open (amateur)
  - Shot 74 in the first round on July 11, 1980
- **First PGA TOUR win:** 1988 PGA Championship
- **Total Rounds Played:** 3,310 (2,394 PGA TOUR, 916 PGA TOUR Champions)
- **Total Holes Played:** 59,580

	<b>Tour</b>	<b>Starts</b>	<b>Wins</b>	<b>Top-10s</b>	<b>Money</b>
<b>Jay Haas</b>	PGA TOUR	799	9	143	\$14,440,317
	PGA TOUR Champions	304	18	131	\$18,902,021
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,103</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>\$33,342,338</b>
<b>Jeff Sluman</b>	PGA TOUR	700	6	105	\$18,165,266
	PGA TOUR Champions	299	6	82	\$12,015,924
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>999</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>\$30,181,190</b>
<b>Mark Brooks</b>	PGA TOUR	803	7	58	\$9,455,441
	PGA TOUR Champions	189	0	11	\$2,586,410
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>992</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>\$12,041,851</b>

**Tom Terrific**

Onida's **Tom Byrum** is the only South Dakotan in the field, and he's entering his home-state event on a hot streak. Since opening with rounds of 78-75 at the Boeing Classic, Byrum has posted seven straight rounds under par (67.57 average) and finished T5 at the Shaw Charity Classic and T7 at last week's Ally Challenge. It's the first time he has posted back-to-back top-10s on PGA TOUR Champions, and it's the first time in his career since October/November 2000 on the PGA TOUR. He has ascended to No. 31 in the Charles Schwab Cup and is in position to qualify for the 36-player Charles Schwab Cup Championship for the first time since 2016.

*Byrum pre-tournament interview: 11:30 a.m. Wednesday*

### **Kelly Cuts Into McCarron's Lead**

**Scott McCarron** and **Jerry Kelly** have been 1-2 in the [Charles Schwab Cup standings](#) the last three weeks, and they played in Sunday's final group at last week's Ally Challenge. Kelly got the best of McCarron, as he closed with a bogey-free 68 and won for the second time this season. Kelly cut \$265,000 from his deficit, but McCarron's lead is still nearly a half-million dollars with three events left before the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs.

Though McCarron shot a final-round 75 and finished T15 last week, he has led the standings the last 15 consecutive weeks. He leads the Tour in scoring (69.36 average), birdies (4.26 per round), top-10s (12) and wins (3). During McCarron's reign atop the standings, five different players have been No. 2: **Bernhard Langer** (2 weeks), **Kirk Triplett** (3 weeks), **Ken Tanigawa** (2 weeks), Steve Stricker (4 weeks) and **Jerry Kelly** (4 weeks).

Rank	Player	Events	Earnings	Wins	Trailing
1	Scott McCarron	20	\$2,353,965	3	-
2	Jerry Kelly	17	\$1,861,882	2	\$492,083
3	Steve Stricker	9	\$1,534,327	2	\$819,638
4	David Toms	16	\$1,338,635	0	\$1,015,330
5	Bernhard Langer	16	\$1,334,679	2	\$1,019,286

## ***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, England 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. **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:** 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.
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