



## The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex

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### Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** Royal Lytham & St. Annes (Par 70 / 6,948 yards)

**Purse:** \$2,000,000 USD

**Television Coverage (all times Eastern):**

- Thursday and Friday: 7:00-9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Golf Channel)
- Saturday and Sunday: 9:30 a.m. – Noon (Golf Channel), Noon – 2:00 p.m. (NBC)

### Field Overview (as of July 23, 2019)

PGA TOUR Champions travels to Royal Lytham & St. Annes for The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex, the fifth and final major of the season. The links course in Lancashire will host its fifth Senior Open and first since 1994, and the field includes World Golf Hall of Fame members **Tom Watson, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Fred Couples, Retief Goosen, Jose Maria Olazabal** and **Sandy Lyle**. Also in the field are seven past champions and five winners of The Open, including **Darren Clarke** and **Paul Lawrie**, who will both make their Senior Open debuts.

### Field Highlights:

- Seven players with 11 titles at The Senior Open Championship
- Seven members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
- Five players with nine titles at The Open Championship
- 53 players that made 104 total starts in Open Championships at Royal Lytham & St. Annes

### 2018 Recap: Jimenez Edges Langer at the Old Course

**Miguel Angel Jimenez** made a 12-foot par putt on St. Andrews' 17th hole to preserve a one-stroke lead, and a par on No. 18 gave him the victory at the 2018 Senior Open Championship over defending champion Bernhard Langer. The win was his second major win of the year and he was the only player on Tour to post top-10s in all five of last year's majors. Jimenez became the first Spaniard to win The Senior Open Championship, and this year he will defend his title at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, the site of two Open Championship victories by Seve Ballesteros.

Jimenez played in three Opens at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, finishing T3 in 2001 and T9 in 2012. His Senior Open record includes top-11 finishes in all five of his starts, and the 55-year-old will attempt to become the championship's first back-to-back winner since Christy O'Connor, Jr. won in 1999 and 2000.

*Jimenez pre-tournament press conference: 2 p.m. BST Wednesday*

### Lehman's Legacy

**Tom Lehman** captured his only major title in 1996 with his win in The Open Championship at Royal Lytham & St. Annes. A third-round 64 helped him capture a two-shot victory, and he went on to be named PGA TOUR Player of the Year at season's end. Lehman is the only player to be named Player of the Year on the Korn Ferry Tour (formerly Web.com Tour), PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions, and he is also a two-time winner of the Charles Schwab Cup.

Lehman won the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, his 12th win on PGA TOUR Champions, and has since added two more top-10s. He is currently No. 13 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

*Lehman pre-tournament press conference: 2:30 p.m. BST Wednesday*

### Past Performances at Lytham

The field includes 53 players that have made a combined 104 starts in Open Championships at Royal Lytham & St. Annes. **Sandy Lyle** leads the way with five appearances, while **Barry Lane** and **Tom Watson** each have four. An additional 14 players have played three Opens in Lytham, including World Golf Hall of Fame members **Fred Couples**, **Bernhard Langer**, **Retief Goosen** and **Ian Woosnam**, as well as Open champions **Darren Clarke**, **Paul Lawrie** and **Tom Lehman**.

- 2012 – 11 players (Best: T34/Paul Lawrie)
- 2001 – 36 players (Top-10s: T3/Darren Clarke, T3/Bernhard Langer, T3/Billy Mayfair, T3/Ian Woosnam, T3/Miguel Angel Jimenez)
- 1996 – 34 players (Top-10s: 1st/Tom Lehman, T7/Fred Couples, T7/Greg Turner)
- 1988 – 17 players (Top-10s: T4/Fred Couples, T7/David Frost, T7/Sandy Lyle)
- 1979 – 6 players (Top-10s: 4th/Mark James)

### Clarke, Lawrie Set for Senior Open Debuts

After competing at Royal Portrush last week, Open champions **Darren Clarke** (MC, 71-74 – 145) and **Paul Lawrie** (MC, 75-72 – 147) will make their Senior Open debuts this week. Winner at Carnoustie in 1999, Lawrie has made four starts since turning 50 on New Year's Day 2019, and his best finish is T21 at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. Clarke won his Claret Jug at Royal St. George's in 2011, and the Northern Irishman has tallied three top-10s in his first full season on PGA TOUR Champions.

In all, this year's field includes five players with nine titles at The Open Championship: Clarke, Lawrie, **Tom Lehman** (1996), **Sandy Lyle** (1985) and **Tom Watson** (1975, 1977, 1980, 1982, 1983). Watson, Gary Player and Bob Charles are the only three players that have won both The Open and The Senior Open.

*Clarke pre-tournament press conference: 2:30 p.m. BST Tuesday*

*Lawrie pre-tournament press conference: 10:30 a.m. BST Wednesday*

### Langer's Major Résumé

On PGA TOUR Champions, Langer's record in senior majors is second to none. His 10 victories are the most all-time, and he is the only player to win all five majors and complete the "Senior Slam." In 11 starts at The Senior Open Championship, Langer has led/co-led after 17 of 44 rounds (38.64%). He has three wins, three runner-ups and 10 top-10 finishes at The Senior Open, and his worst finish was a tie for 12th in 2011.

Langer has 41 top-10s in 56 senior majors, but he's coming off the two highest finishes of his major career – T24 at the U.S. Senior Open and T34 at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. At No. 11 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, Langer is outside the top 10 (in June or later) for the first time since 2015 when he was 12th after the Principal Charity Classic.

*Langer pre-tournament press conference: 12 p.m. BST Wednesday*

### A Hall of Fame Field

Tom Watson, Fred Couples and Colin Montgomerie are among the seven members of the World Golf Hall of Fame in this week's field.

- **Tom Watson** will make his 56th start in an Open Championship (38 Opens, 18 Senior Opens), and in four Opens at Royal Lytham & St. Annes, his best finish was T26 in 1979. He's coming off a T17 finish at the U.S. Senior Open, where the 69-year-old shot his age once and bettered his age twice (68).
- **Fred Couples** has three top-10s in six starts at The Senior Open, including a win at Turnberry in 2012. He played The Open at Royal Lytham & St. Annes three times, finishing T4 in 1988 and T7 in 1996.
- **Colin Montgomerie** finished T13 at the 2001 Open Championship in Lytham, and he has two top-three finishes in six starts at The Senior Open.

*Montgomerie pre-tournament press conference: 11 a.m. BST Wednesday*

### Major Marks for Goosen

Only nine players have posted at least two top-10s through the year's first four majors, and five of those players will look to add to their total this week. **Retief Goosen** will make his first start since his maiden senior major win at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. His birdie-birdie finish punctuated his first victory since 2009, breaking a winless drought of 10 years, 3 months, 22 days and 190 combined starts on the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions.

Goosen's major scoring average of 69.63 is second to Steve Stricker (68.88), who has two wins and three top-10s but is not in this week's field.

Player	Top-10s	Major Average (Rank*)	Best Finish	Schwab Cup
Retief Goosen	2	69.63 (2nd)	Won, Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS	8th
Jerry Kelly	2	69.69 (3rd)	T2, U.S. Senior Open	3rd
Scott Parel	2	70.06 (4th)	T4, Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS	4th
Paul Broadhurst	2	70.13 (5th)	3rd, KitchenAid Senior PGA	15th
Billy Andrade	2	70.25 (6th)	T2, Regions Tradition	10th

*\*Out of players who played all four majors*

### Nicklaus, Chamblee Among Qualifiers

On Monday, more than 500 players competed in four qualifiers for this week's championship. Among the 49 qualifiers were: **Gary Nicklaus** (73, Hillside); **Brandel Chamblee** (72, Fairhaven); **Esteban Toledo** (70, St. Annes Old Links); **Mike Goodes** (67, Southport & Ainsdale); and **Tom Gillis** (70, Fairhaven).

Toledo is the top-ranked player of the group (50th in the Charles Schwab Cup) while Goodes is No. 71 and qualified for his 12th Senior Open. Chamblee qualified for the second year in a row, while Nicklaus and Gillis will make their tournament debuts.

### **Championship History**

The 144-player field includes seven past champions with 11 combined Senior Open titles: **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (2018), **Bernhard Langer** (2010, 2014, 2017), **Paul Broadhurst** (2016), **Fred Couples** (2012), **Russ Cochran** (2011), **Tom Watson** (2003, 2005, 2007) and **Pete Oakley** (2004).

<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>
2018	Miguel Angel Jimenez	2002	Noboru Sugai
2017	Bernhard Langer	2001	Ian Stanley
2016	Paul Broadhurst	2000	Christy O'Connor, Jr.
2015	Marco Dawson	1999	Christy O'Connor, Jr.
2014	Bernhard Langer	1998	Brian Huggett
2013	Mark Wiebe	1997	Gary Player
2012	Fred Couples	1996	Brian Barnes
2011	Russ Cochran	1995	Brian Barnes
2010	Bernhard Langer	1994	Tom Wargo
2009	Loren Roberts	1993	Bob Charles
2008	Bruce Vaughan	1992	John Fourie
2007	Tom Watson	1991	Bobby Verwey
2006	Loren Roberts	1990	Gary Player
2005	Tom Watson	1989	Bob Charles
2004	Pete Oakley	1988	Gary Player
2003	Tom Watson	1987	Neil Coles

*Note: All winners of The Senior Open are credited with official victories. For the tournaments held 1987-2002, the champion is the only result the PGA TOUR considers official (i.e. – players are not credited with a made cut).*

## ***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 to- 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. **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
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