



## U.S. Senior Open

The Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame | Notre Dame, Indiana | June 27-June 30, 2019

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### Quick Facts

- **Course:** The Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame  
\*The first college-affiliated course to host the U.S. Senior Open Championship\*
- **Par:** 70 **Yardage:** 6,943
- **Course Designers:** Bill Coore / Ben Crenshaw (1999)
- **Purse:** \$4,000,000 (Winner: \$720,000)
- **Television Coverage** (all times local): June 26: FS1 12-1 p.m., June 27/28: FS1 3-8 p.m., June 29: FS1 3-4 p.m., FOX 4-7:30 p.m., June 30: FOX 2-7:30 p.m.
- **Social Media:** [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#)

### Field Overview (as of 6/25/19)

Defending champion David Toms will headline the 40th U.S. Senior Open Championship and 156-player field that features seven U.S. Open winners: **Michael Campbell** (2005), **Retief Goosen** (2001, 2004), **Lee Janzen** (1993, 1998), **Steve Jones** (1996), **Tom Kite** (1992), **Corey Pavin** (1995), **Tom Watson** (1982) and 10 past U.S. Senior Open Championship winners: **Olin Browne** (2011), **Brad Bryant** (2007), **Fred Funk** (2009), **Peter Jacobsen** (2004), **Bernhard Langer** (2010), **Jeff Maggert** (2015), **Colin Montgomerie** (2014), **Kenny Perry** (2013, 2017), **Gene Sauers** (2016) and **David Toms** (2018). No player in the field has captured both a U.S. Open title and a U.S. Senior Open title in their career.

Each of the top-36 players in the current Charles Schwab Cup standings will compete in Notre Dame this week, as well as every player who owns at least one victory this season: **Scott Hoch**, **Miguel Angel Jimenez**, **Tom Lehman**, **Bernhard Langer**, **Scott McCarron**, **Mark O'Meara**, **Tom Pernice Jr**, **Kirk Triplett**, **Kevin Sutherland**, **Steve Stricker**, **Kevin Sutherland**, and **Ken Tanigawa**.

Additional field highlights:

- Seven members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: **Retief Goosen** (2019 inductee), **Tom Kite**, **Bernhard Langer**, **Colin Montgomerie**, **Mark O'Meara**, **Vijay Singh** and **Tom Watson**.
- 57 PGA TOUR winners with 352 total career victories
- 50 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 267 total career victories
- 25 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title; 18 with a PGA TOUR major

### 2018 Recap: Toms Claims his first title on PGA TOUR Champions with a major win

**David Toms** carded an even-par 70 to finish one stroke ahead of Miguel Angel Jimenez, Jerry Kelly and Tim Petrovic to win the 2018 U.S. Senior Open Championship, held at The Broadmoor's East Course, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. After making a birdie on No. 16 to go ahead, Toms made a critical up-and-down on the 71st hole.

Toms, who missed the cut in his previous U.S. Senior Open start, laid up his second shot to 93 yards from the green and then after an indifferent approach he sank a 19-footer from above the hole for par. Kelly, who held the solo lead the first three days and was seeking to become just the second wire-to-wire winner in championship history, made the turn in even-par 36 to retain his one-stroke advantage. He stumbled with back-to-back bogeys on holes 11 and 12 as Toms took the lead for the first time. Toms finished with a 72-hole score of 3-under 277.

The victory was Toms' first on PGA TOUR Champions and he became the first player since Jeff Maggert (2015) to win the U.S. Senior Open in his second attempt. Toms matched the fourth-best comeback by a winner, rallying from six strokes back over the final 36 holes.

## *Tournament Storylines*

### **Toms with a Major Task**

Defending champion **David Toms** became just the second player to win the U.S. Senior Open Championship after missing the cut the previous year. He will look to become the fourth player to successfully defend the U.S. Senior Open Championship title in the history of the event. The three players who have successfully defended their title include: Miller Barber (1984-'85), Gary Player (1987-'88) and Allen Doyle (2005-'06). No player has successfully defended a title this season. The last to do so was Scott McCarron at the 2018 Shaw Charity Classic.

Toms owns two runner-up finishes (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, Regions Tradition) and five finishes in the top 10 in 11 starts this season. He ranks No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

### **Stricker Sets Sights on U.S. Senior Open**

**Steve Stricker** will make his U.S. Senior Open Championship debut off a runner-up finish at the American Family Insurance Championship. Stricker claimed his first major championship title earlier this year at the first major of the season, the Regions Tradition. This is the first year Stricker has competed in more than one major championship as he also made his first appearance at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, ultimately finishing T41. At No. 10 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, Stricker holds four finishes in the top 10 this season in seven starts.

Stricker has played in seven PGA TOUR events this season. He owns 12 PGA TOUR victories, attempted to qualify for this year's U.S. Open where he has made 20 appearances and has 13 top-25 finishes. He advanced to the U.S. Open through sectional qualifying in 2017 and 2018 and tied for 16th and 20th.

### **McCarron Making his Mark**

Scott McCarron enters the season's third major atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings, a position he's held each of the last eight weeks. He owns three victories this season, with his most recent coming at the Mastercard Japan Championship. He became just the 31<sup>st</sup> player with at least 11 wins on PGA TOUR Champions. Since his first full season on Tour, McCarron owns 11 victories and more than \$8 million in winnings. Those figures are second only to Bernhard Langer, who has 14 wins and over \$9.7 million in winnings since 2016.

McCarron has top-10s in 11 of his 18 major starts, including a runner-up finish at this year's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. In three starts at the U.S. Senior Open Championship, McCarron has not finished inside the top 25; his best finish came in 2017 at T37.

### **Langer Loves the Majors**

**Bernhard Langer** owns 10 major championship titles, the most on PGA TOUR Champions. In 2017, he became the first player to win all five majors and complete the "Senior Slam". Langer won a major four straight years (2014-2017), but the streak ended last year as his best finish was runner-up at The Senior Open Championship.

A five-time winner of the Charles Schwab Cup, Langer has top-10 finishes in 40 of his 54 major starts. At the U.S. Senior Open, he has one victory (2010), one runner-up finish (2012), and six finishes in the top 10 in 11 starts. Last year, Langer finished T16, his third-worst finish at the event.

Langer's win at this year's Oasis Championship was the 39<sup>th</sup> of his career and moved him to No. 1 on the Tour's all-time money list (current total: \$27,609,098). Langer has finished in the top-15 in all but one event this year, with his worst finish since March 2018 coming in his last start at the American Family Insurance Championship (T30).

### **Tournament Debuts for Five Major Champions**

Five major champions will make their first start at the U.S. Senior Open Championship:

- **Darren Clarke** (2011 Open Championship) turned 50 on August 14, 2018 and is No. 22 in the Charles Schwab Cup. He has three top-10s in 12 starts this season (Best: T2/Cologuard Classic).
- **Retief Goosen** (2001, 2004 U.S. Open) turned 50 on February 3, 2019 and is No. 17 in the Charles Schwab Cup. He has seven top-25 finishes in 10 starts, including a runner-up finish at the American Family Insurance Championship and fourth-place finish at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.
- **Shaun Micheel** (2003 PGA Championship) turned 50 on January 5, 2019 and is No. 70 in the Charles Schwab Cup. He has two top-25 finishes in five starts (Best: T16/Regions Tradition).
- **Paul Lawrie** (1999 Open Championship) turned 50 on January 1, 2019 and will make his fourth start on PGA TOUR Champions. He's coming off a T21 finish at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.
- **Michael Campbell** (2005 U.S. Open) turned 50 on February 23, 2019 and made his PGA TOUR Champions debut at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

### **Major Stretch**

The U.S. Senior Open is the third of five major championships 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 at 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)

**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 his 18th PGA TOUR Champions start 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.

**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.

### **Major Trends**

- At least one player has won multiple majors every year since 2013.
  - 2018 – Miguel Angel Jimenez (2)
  - 2017 – Bernhard Langer (3)
  - 2016 – Bernhard Langer (2)
  - 2015 – Jeff Maggert (2)
  - 2014 – Bernhard Langer (2), Colin Montgomerie (2)
  - 2013 – Kenny Perry (2)
- There have been five first-time major champions in the last seven majors.
  - Ken Tanigawa, 2019 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
  - Steve Stricker, 2019 Regions Tradition
  - Vijay Singh, 2018 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship
  - David Toms, 2018 U.S. Senior Open Championship

- Miguel Angel Jimenez, 2018 Regions Tradition

**Host Course**

The Warren Course is the first college-affiliated course to host the U.S. Senior Open Championship and is hosting its second USGA championship. In 2010, the Warren Course hosted the U.S. Women’s Amateur Public Links Championship, won by Emily Tubert.

The Warren Course hosted the NCAA Division I men’s Regional Championship in both 2005 and 2010, and the NCAA Division I Women’s Regional Championship in 2011 and 2015.

**Back in Indiana**

This will be the 22nd USGA Championship played in Indiana and the second U.S. Senior Open contested in the state. In 2009 at Crooked Stick in Carmel, Fred Funk set a 72-hole U.S. Senior Open record for most strokes under par at 20-under and tied the largest victory margin with his six-stroke victory over Joey Sindelar. This week, 16 players are competing who also competed at Crooked Stick in 2009, including 10 players who finished in the top 25:

<b>2009 finish</b>	<b>Player</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Fred Funk
T4	Loren Roberts
T6	Mark O’Meara
T8	Tom Lehman
10	Olin Browne
T11	Brad Bryant
T13	Jay Haas
T16	Jeff Sluman
T19	John Cook
T22	Bernhard Langer

**Age is Just a Number**

Eight players in the 2019 U.S. Senior Open field have celebrated their 50th birthday since January. Retief Goosen, the 2001 and 2004 U.S. Open champion, and Michael Campbell, who won the U.S. Open in 2005 at Pinehurst No. 2, were born in February. Paul Lawrie, the 1999 Open champion at Carnoustie, and Shaun Micheel, who won the 2003 PGA Championship, were born four days apart in January.

There are 28 players in the field who are 60 or older. Olin Browne (2011), Brad Bryant (2007), Roger Chapman (2012), Fred Funk (2009) and Bernhard Langer (2010) are U.S. Senior Open champions.

The average age of the 156-player field is 55.47.

## *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), Pdraig 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.
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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.