





# Charles Schwab Cup Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge

Buffalo Ridge Golf Course | Ridgedale, Missouri | August 19-21, 2020

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## **Quick Facts**

Golf Course: Buffalo Ridge Golf Course (Par 71 / 7,036 yards)

Designed by: Tom Fazio (1999)

Purse: \$3,000,000 (Winner: \$450,000)

• Golf Channel (local times): Wed, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (live); Thurs & Fri, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. (taped)

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## Field Overview (as of 8/17/20)

The first of two 54-hole tournaments to be contested over a nine-day period at Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, Missouri kicks off this week with the Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pros Shops Big Cedar Lodge. The Tom Fazio-designed Buffalo Ridge course, which served as co-host to the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf all-team event for five of the tournament's six-year stint at the property, will host the field of 81 players.

#### Additional field highlights:

- Seven members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: Fred Couples, Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara and Vijay Singh
- Seven Charles Schwab Cup champions in the field spanning 14 years
- 63 PGA TOUR winners with 401 total career victories
- 56 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 290 total career victories
- 27 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title; 19 with a PGA TOUR major title

#### **Kelly Aces Akron**

Jerry Kelly claimed his first major title in dramatic fashion last week at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship in Akron, Ohio by carding his first hole-in-one on PGA TOUR Champions at the 12<sup>th</sup> hole and finishing two strokes ahead of Scott Parel. With the win, Kelly moved to No. 6 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings and will play in the 2021 PLAYERS Championship.

### Parel Out on Top

Besides Kelly, Scott Parel was the only other player in the field to finish last week's Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS under par. The runner-up finish was his third top-three of the season and enough for him to reclaim No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings with \$733,737 in earnings, surpassing Brett Quigley by \$68,290.

#### **Success in the Show Me State**

Eleven of the 12 players who were part of a winning team at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf are in the field this week including last year's champions Scott Hoch and partner Tom Pernice, Jr., who opened the final round with a hole-in-one on the first hole of the Top of the Rock course and ended with a tournament record-tying score of 23-under par.

Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge					
Year	Winner (*indicates playoff)	Score		Course	Par / Yardage
2019	Scott Hoch Tom Pernice Jr.	156	-23	Top of the Rock	54 / 2808
				Ozarks National	71 / 7036
2018	Paul Broadhurst* Kirk Triplett*	194	-22	Top of the Rock	54 / 2808
				Buffalo Ridge	71 / 6963
				Mountain Top GC	54 / 2427
2017	Carlos Franco (not in field) Vijay Singh	93	-15	Buffalo Ridge	71 / 6963
				Top of the Rock	54 / 2808
				Mountain Top GC	54 / 2732
2016	Michael Allen Woody Austin	156	-23	Top of the Rock	54 / 2940
				Buffalo Ridge	71 / 6988
2015	Billy Andrade Joe Durant	159	-19	Top of the Rock	54 / 2940
				Buffalo Ridge (Springs)	70 / 6714
2014	Fred Funk Jeff Sluman	159	-20	Top of the Rock-LD	54 / 2430
				Buffalo Ridge-LD	71 / 5845

#### **Missouri Roots**

Four players have ties to Missouri including John Daly, who attended Helias High School in the state capital of Jefferson City, Missouri, where he was a letterman in both football and golf. Daly went on to earn the first significant title of his career at the 1983 Missouri State Amateur Championship as a high school junior.

Two-time Charles Schwab Cup winner Jay Haas was born in St. Louis, while six-time PGA TOUR Champions winner Jeff Maggert was born in Columbia. Tom Pernice Jr., who won the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge in 2019 with partner Scott Hoch, hails from Kansas City.

Additionally, Chris DiMarco earned the first professional win of his career in nearby Springfield at the 1997 Price Cutter Charity Championship presented by Dr. Pepper, one of the Korn Ferry Tour's four original events.

#### **Stricker Ready to Make Moves**

Steve Stricker will make his third start of the season on PGA TOUR Champions after finishing T23 last week at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS. The Wisconsin native has made 10 starts this year on the PGA TOUR and five since golf's return in June, where his best finish was T18 at the Memorial Tournament Presented by Nationwide. Stricker has collected five wins, including two senior major titles, in 24 starts since turning 50 and joining PGA TOUR Champions.

## **International Contingent**

In addition to the United States, the field features players hailing from 12 other countries including England (Paul Broadhurst), Fiji (Vijay Singh), Germany (Bernhard Langer), South Africa (Ernie Els, Retief Goosen and David Frost), Scotland (Colin Montgomerie), Spain (Miguel Angel Jiménez), Sweden (Robert Karlsson, Jesper Parnevik), Canada (Stephen Ames, Mike Weir), Argentina (Àngel Cabrera), Australia (Stephen Leaney, David McKenzie and Rod Pampling), South Korea (K.J. Choi) and Northern Ireland (Darren Clarke).

#### Former Charles Schwab Cup winners to compete

Seven Charles Schwab Cup winners are in the Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge field including Jay Haas (2006, '08), Loren Roberts (2007, '09), Bernhard Langer (2010, '14, '15, '16, '18), Kenny Perry (2013), Tom Lehman (2011, '12) and Kevin Sutherland (2017) and Scott McCarron (2019).

#### **PGA TOUR Champions combines 2020-21 seasons**

Due to the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, 13 PGA TOUR Champions tournaments have been canceled from the original 27-tournament schedule. In an effort to uphold the competitive integrity of the Charles Schwab Cup, PGA TOUR Champions has combined the 2020 and 2021 seasons and formed a singular 2020-21 season.

In addition, other measures were taken to offset some of the impact made by the cancellation of tournaments.

- In 2020, the field size of tournaments will increase from 78 to 81 players.
- In 2020, the three Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs events will be converted into 81-player fields.
- The Charles Schwab Cup Championship will be reduced from 72 to 54 holes.

Players will retain their 2020 eligibility in 2021, except for the five players in the Q-School category, who will play their guaranteed events. Additionally, the 2020 PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament will not be conducted, and player awards will not be presented at the end of 2020.

#### PGA TOUR Champions schedule and tournament recaps

1. **Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai:** Miguel Angel Jiménez birdied the second extra hole to win the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai for the second time in his career. Jiménez became the tournament's eighth repeat champion (2015, 2020) and he extended his streak to seven consecutive years with a victory, the Tour's second-longest active streak.

- 2. **Morocco Champions:** Brett Quigley won the inaugural Morocco Champions in Marrakech in his second PGA TOUR Champions start, saving par on the final two holes on Saturday to hold off Stephen Ames by one stroke. Winless in 408 career starts on the PGA TOUR, Quigley's win was his first in a PGA TOUR-sanctioned event since 2001 on the Korn Ferry Tour.
- 3. **Chubb Classic:** Scott Parel closed with an 8-under 63 to erase a three-shot deficit and win the Chubb Classic by two with a tournament record-tying 17-under total. It was the third win of his career and he moved to No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup for the first time in his career.
- 4. **Cologuard Classic:** Bernhard Langer came from four strokes back to claim his 41st victory on PGA TOUR Champions, just four wins short of all-time leader Hale Irwin. The victory marked Langer's 14th straight year with at least one win as he became the fifth oldest to claim a title.
- 5. **Hoag Classic:** Ernie Els birdied two of the last four holes to win the Hoag Classic with a 15-under total. Making his third start on Tour, Els won for the first time since the 2013 BMW International Open on the European Tour and he became the 30th World Golf Hall of Fame member to win on PGA TOUR Champions.
- 6. **The Ally Challenge:** Jim Furyk won The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren in his PGA TOUR Champions debut, carding a bogey-free 68 Sunday to win by two over Retief Goosen and Brett Quigley. With the victory, Furyk became the 19th player to win his Tour debut and he broke a winless streak of 5 years, 3 months, 14 days.
- 7. **Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship**: Jerry Kelly won the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship by carding his first ace on PGA TOUR Champions on the 12<sup>th</sup> hole and recording a 1-under 69 Sunday to win by two strokes over Scott Parel.
- 8. Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge
- 9. Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National
- 10. Sanford International
- 11. PURE Insurance Championship
- 12. Regions Tradition
- 13. SAS Championship
- 14. Dominion Energy Charity Classic
- 15. Boca Raton Championship
- 16. Charles Schwab Cup Championship