



Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National

Ozarks National Golf Course | Ridgedale, Missouri | August 24-26, 2020

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Quick Facts

- Golf Course: Ozarks National Golf Course (Par 71 / 7,036 yards)
- Designed by: Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw (2019)
- Purse: \$3,000,000 (Winner: \$450,000)
- Golf Channel (local times): Mon-Wed, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (live)
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Field Overview (as of 8/22/20)

PGA TOUR Champions continues its nine-day stretch at Big Cedar Lodge in Ridgedale, Missouri with the Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National, the second in a pair of back-to-back 54-hole events. Taking on the Bill Coore and Ben Crenshaw designed Ozarks National course, the field of 83 includes World Golf Hall of Fame member Phil Mickelson, who will be making his PGA TOUR Champions debut.

Additional field highlights:

- Eight members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Bernhard Langer, Davis Love III, Phil Mickelson, Colin Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara and Vijay Singh
- Seven Charles Schwab Cup champions in the field spanning 14 years
- 65 PGA TOUR winners with 460 total career victories
- 55 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 265 total career victories
- 25 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title; 22 with a PGA TOUR major title

Mickelson's Debut

Five-time major champion Phil Mickelson will make his PGA TOUR Champions debut this week at the Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National.

The 44-time PGA TOUR winner entered the FedExCup Playoffs 67th in the standings, and is projected to miss the cut at THE NORTHERN TRUST and fall outside the top 70. His next planned starts on the PGA TOUR are the Safeway Open followed by the U.S. Open, giving the 50-year-old an opportunity to bridge the gap in his schedule and make his PGA TOUR Champions debut.

Mickelson, who turned 50 on June 16, joins a rookie class that includes fellow World Golf Hall of Fame member Ernie Els and 2010 FedExCup Champion Jim Furyk, both of whom have already won on PGA TOUR Champions, as well as 2003 Masters Champion Mike Weir and 2011 PLAYERS Champion K.J. Choi.

Beemer's Birthday

On his 50th birthday (August 24), three-time PGA TOUR winner Rich Beem will make his PGA TOUR Champions debut at the Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National. The Phoenix, Arizona native made history in 2002 when he won The INTERNATIONAL in Castle Rock, Colorado and, in his next start, beat Tiger Woods by one-stroke at Hazeltine National to win his first and only major title at the PGA Championship. The back-to-back victories propelled Beem into the top 20 in Official World Golf Rankings. As of late, Beem has been working as a television commentator and golf analyst for Sky Sports.

Shane Shines

With a 25-foot putt, PGA TOUR Champions rookie Shane Bertsch eagled the first extra playoff hole to defeat Bernhard Langer, Kenny Perry and Glen Day to secure his first title at last week's Charles Schwab Cup Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge held at the resort's Buffalo Ridge course. A three-time winner on the Korn Ferry Tour, it was Bertsch's first victory in a PGA TOUR sanctioned event since the Rust-Oleum Championship in 2015 (span of 5 years, 2 months and 7 days).

The \$450,000 paycheck was the largest of his career and moved Bertsch from No. 98 to No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. The 2019 PGA TOUR Champions Qualifying Tournament medalist became the first Q-School graduate to win in the immediate next season on PGA TOUR Champions since Ken Tanigawa at the 2018 PURE Insurance Championship.

Bernhard's Back on Top

Despite finishing T2 last week, Bernhard Langer managed to reclaim the No. 1 spot in Charles Schwab Cup standings with \$880,637 in season-long earnings. The World Golf Hall of Fame member turns 50 on Thursday (August 27) and is seeking his 42nd win this week. With his victory at the Cologuard Classic in March, Langer extended his streak to 14 consecutive years with a win and he became the fifth-oldest winner in Tour history.

New This Week

In addition to Mickelson and Beem, a total of six players in the field did not compete last week at the Buffalo Ridge including World Golf Hall of Fame member Davis Love III, 1996 U.S. Open champion Steve Jones, eight-time PGA TOUR winner Brad Faxon and four-time Champions Tour winner Denis Watson.

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	<i>Carlos Franco (not in field)</i> 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.

International Flavor

In addition to the United States, the field features players hailing from 13 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 (Mike Weir), Argentina (Àngel Cabrera), Australia (Stephen Leaney, David McKenzie and Rod Pampling), South Korea (K.J. Choi), Zimbabwe (Denis Watson) and Northern Ireland (Darren Clarke).

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 12th 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:** With a 25-foot eagle putt on the first playoff hole, Shane Bertsch defeated Bernhard Langer, Kenny Perry and Glen Day to secure the first win of his PGA TOUR Champions career at the Charles Schwab Cup Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge. It marked the first four-man playoff on PGA TOUR Champions since the 2011 Songdo IBD Championship Presented by Korean Air, when Jay Don Blake defeated John Cook, Peter Senior and Mark O'Meara on the fifth extra hole.
9. **Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National**
10. **Sanford International**
11. **PURE Insurance Championship**
12. **SAS Championship**
13. **Dominion Energy Charity Classic**
14. **Boca Raton Championship**
15. **Charles Schwab Cup Championship**