



## Dominion Energy Charity Classic

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### Quick Facts

**Golf Course:** The Country Club of Virginia – James River Course (Par 72 / 7,025 yards)

**Course Designer:** William S. Flynn (1928); Renovation by Rees Jones (1992); Restored by Lester George (2003)

**Purse:** \$2,000,000 (Winner: \$305,000)

**Golf Channel Coverage (all times ET):** Friday, 2:00-5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 2:30-5 p.m.

### Event Changes

The Dominion Energy Charity Classic is typically the first of three Charles Schwab Cup Playoff events at the conclusion of the season on PGA TOUR Champions. Following the onset of COVID-19 and event cancellations stemming from the global pandemic, the 2020 and 2021 seasons were combined to form a singular 2020-21 season, in turn reverting the three playoff events back to full-field, 81-player tournaments. The 2020 Dominion Energy Charity Classic will be held without spectators on-site but will be broadcast live on Golf Channel.

### Field Overview (as of 10/13/20)

The fifth-annual Dominion Energy Charity Classic will host 81 players this year, as opposed to its usual top-72 player field at The Country Club of Virginia's James River Course. World Golf Hall of Fame member and 2020 PGA TOUR Champions winner Phil Mickelson will make his second start on Tour this season. He will compete alongside 2020 winners Ernie Els and Jim Furyk, as well as 2003 Masters champion Mike Weir, 2011 PLAYERS Champion K.J. Choi and defending champion Miguel Angel Jimenez.

- 8 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
- 61 PGA TOUR winners with 413 total career victories
- 56 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 257 total career victories
- 25 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 20 with a PGA TOUR major

### Jimenez Returns to Defend Charity Classic Title

In 2019, **Miguel Angel Jimenez** tied a course record with a final-round 63 to post an 18-under total and a two-shot victory at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic. The win was Jimenez's second of the season and eighth of his career, while Tommy Tolles finished second and advanced to the second event in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs.

Jimenez began his seventh year on PGA TOUR Champions with a playoff victory at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai and in September won the Sanford International with a final round 7-under 65. Since joining PGA TOUR Champions, Jimenez owns 10 titles and has a win in each of the last seven seasons (2014-2020), which is the second-

longest active streak on Tour (14/Langer). Jimenez has successfully defended his title once before on PGA TOUR Champions, as he won the Rapisan Systems Classic in 2016 and 2017.

### **Mickelson Making his Mark**

World Golf Hall of Fame member, five-time major champion and 2007 PLAYERS Champion **Phil Mickelson** will make his second start on PGA TOUR Champions this week. Mickelson made his debut at the Charles Schwab Series at Ozark National, where he opened with a 10-under 61 and went on to win by four strokes with a Tour-record-tying 191 total. Mickelson became the 20<sup>th</sup> player to win his PGA TOUR Champions debut and fifth rookie to win this season, joining Brett Quigley (Morocco Champions), Ernie Els (Hoag Classic, SAS Championship), Jim Furyk (The Ally Challenge, PURE Insurance Championship) and Shane Bertsch (Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge).

It will be Mickelson's first individual start in Virginia since the 1993 Michelob Championship at Kingsmill in Williamsburg. He also competed on all four winning U.S. Presidents Cup teams at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Virginia (1994, 1996, 2000, 2005).

### **Furyk on Fire**

With wins at The Ally Challenge and PURE Insurance Championship, **Jim Furyk** became the second player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win his first two starts, joining Bruce Fleisher. In his third start in last week's SAS Championship, Furyk finished T9 and enters the week No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Furyk played on two winning U.S. Presidents Cup teams with Mickelson at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club (2000, 2005). He made six starts at the Michelob Championship at Kingsmill, finishing inside the top 20 two times (T10, 1994; T19, 2000). He made one start at the Korn Ferry Tour's Henrico County Open at the nearby Dominion Club in 1993.

### **Rookies on the Rise**

Through 12 tournaments, this year's rookie class has amassed seven victories. Nine rookies will appear in this week's field.

- **Phil Mickelson** won the Charles Schwab Series at Ozark National and is making his second PGA TOUR Champions start this week.
- **Ernie Els** (No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup) won the Hoag Classic, last week's SAS Championship and leads the Tour with a 68.26 scoring average.
- **Brett Quigley** (No. 7) became the third rookie in Tour history to lead the Charles Schwab Cup standings after he finished second at The Ally Challenge. With his win at the SAS Championship, Els became the fourth.
- **Robert Karlsson** (No. 8) has the Tour's fourth-best scoring average (68.68) and has five top-10s.
- **Jim Furyk** (No. 9) is the first rookie with multiple wins since Jerry Kelly won twice in 2017. The last rookie with more than two victories was Fred Couples, who won four times in 2010.
- **Rod Pampling** (No. 14) has four top-10s this season, including a T3 finish at the Cologuard Classic.
- **Shane Bertsch** (No. 16) won the Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge in a playoff over Bernhard Langer, Kenny Perry and Glen Day.
- **Mike Weir** (No. 31) has two top-10 finishes including a season-best T4 at the PURE Insurance Championship.
- **K.J. Choi** (No. 44) recorded three top-25 finishes in four starts, including a T7 finish at the Charles Schwab Series at Ozark National.

### **Langer's Long Success**

Winner of the 2017 Dominion Energy Charity Classic, **Bernhard Langer** has led the Charles Schwab Cup standings six weeks this season. Since 2008, his first full season on Tour, the five-time Charles Schwab Cup champion has led the

standings 139 of 322 weeks (43.2%). He leads the Tour with nine top-10s in 12 starts, and has surpassed \$1 million in winnings for the ninth consecutive year.

Langer now trails Ernie Els by \$170,829, making his ability to regain the top spot in the Charles Schwab Cup standings within reach at this week's Dominion Energy Charity Classic.

### **Els Enters the Lead**

This week's field includes the top-10 players in the standings, led by No. 1 Ernie Els, who surpassed Langer for the leading spot after winning last week's SAS Championship. Els now holds the top spot for the first time on PGA TOUR Champions.

Player	Money	Season Summary
1. Ernie Els	\$1,305,816	Won Hoag Classic, SAS Championship
2. Bernhard Langer	\$1,134,987	Won Cologuard Classic, 9 top-10s
3. Scott Parel	\$984,898	Won Chubb Classic, 5 top-10s
4. Miguel Angel Jimenez	\$965,929	Won Mitsubishi at Hualalai, Sanford International
5. Jerry Kelly	\$903,948	Won Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS, 4 top-10s

### **Virginia Connections**

Richmond native **Bobby Wadkins**, who grew up playing The Country Club of Virginia with older brother Lanny Wadkins - a World Golf Hall of Fame member with 21 PGA TOUR titles and lead analyst for PGA TOUR Champions events on Golf Channel - received a sponsor exemption and will make his first start at the event. Wadkins owns four PGA TOUR Champions titles, including a senior major at the 2006 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. It will be the 69-year-old's first start of the year.

**David Toms** earned two of his 13 PGA TOUR titles in the Old Dominion state, winning back-to-back years at the Michelob Championship at Kingsmill in Williamsburg (2000-01).

Two-time PGA TOUR Champions winner **Olin Browne** won the Korn Ferry Tour's 1996 Henrico County Open at The Dominion Club in Richmond.

### **Dominion Energy Charity Classic History and Record Book**

Date	Winner <small>* indicates playoff</small>	Score					Winnings	Par / Yardage
2019	Miguel Angel Jiménez	67	68	63	198	-18	305,000.00	72 / 7,025

2018	Woody Austin	68	68	69	205	-11	<b>305,000.00</b>	72 / 7,025
2017	Bernhard Langer	67	63	70	200	-16	<b>305,000.00</b>	72 / 7,025
2016	Scott McCarron*	67	67	69	203	-13	<b>305,000.00</b>	72 / 7,029

Players(s)	Year
<b>Largest margin of victory: 2</b>	
Miguel Angel Jiménez	2019
<b>Playoffs: 1</b>	
1. Scott McCarron 2. Tom Byrum	2016
<b>Best Come from Behind Win: 3</b>	
Woody Austin	2018
Miguel Angel Jiménez	2019
<b>Best 18 Hole Score: 63</b>	
Kevin Sutherland	2016 (Rd. 3)
Bernhard Langer	2017 (Rd. 2)
Vijay Singh	2017 (Rd. 2)
Miguel Angel Jiménez	2019 (Rd. 3)

### **International Presence**

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

### **By the Numbers: The Country Club of Virginia**

**Hardest hole (2019):** No. 17 (par 3, 216 yards) – 3.225 average, 9 birdies, 49 bogeys or worse.

**Easiest hole (2019):** No. 18 (par 5, 503 yards) – 4.471 average, 8 eagles, 93 birdies, seventh-easiest hole on Tour.

Year	R1	R2	R3	Total	Rank
2019	72.000	70.188	70.295	70.848	23rd /27

2018	71.391	69.730	72.806	71.302	13 <sup>th</sup> / 26
2017	71.132	69.433	70.179	70.252	21 <sup>st</sup> / 26
2016	71.151	71.566	70.151	70.956	20 <sup>th</sup> / 26

### **PGA TOUR Champions Combines 2020-21 Seasons**

Due to the circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic, 14 PGA TOUR Champions tournaments were canceled from the original 27-tournament schedule. In an effort to uphold the competitive integrity of the Charles Schwab Cup, PGA TOUR Champions 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 increased from 78 to 81 players.
- In 2020, the three Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs events were 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 in his PGA TOUR Champions debut, closing with a bogey-free 68 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 his first senior major by closing with a 3-under 69, including an ace on the 12th hole, to win by two strokes over Scott Parel. With the victory, Kelly earned an exemption into the 2021 PLAYERS Championship at TPC Sawgrass.
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.
9. **Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National:** Phil Mickelson posted a Tour record-tying 191 total and became the 20th player to win his PGA TOUR Champions debut at the Charles Schwab Cup Series at Ozarks National. He became the fourth player to win his debut by four shots or more, and the sixth World Golf Hall of Fame member to win his debut.
10. **Sanford International:** In a final round that saw as many as five players tied for the lead, Miguel Angel Jiménez eagled and birdied the par 5s on the back nine to post a 5-under 65 and a one-shot victory at the Sanford International. With the win, he became the 39th player with at least 10 wins on PGA TOUR Champions.
11. **PURE Insurance Championship:** Jim Furyk birdied the 18th hole at Pebble Beach to defeat Jerry Kelly on the first extra hole and win the PURE Insurance Championship, his second win in as many tries on PGA TOUR Champions. With the victory, Furyk joined Bruce Fleisher and Arnold Palmer as the only players to win his first two starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
12. **SAS Championship:** Ernie Els made a 40-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to win by one over Colin Montgomerie at the SAS Championship. It was Els' second win of the season and he moved to No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup for the first time.
13. **Dominion Energy Charity Classic**
14. **TimberTech Championship**
15. **Charles Schwab Cup Championship**