



PURE Insurance Championship

Pebble Beach Golf Course | Pebble Beach, Calif. | Sept. 18-20, 2020

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Quick Facts

- Golf Course: Pebble Beach Golf Links (Par 72 / 6,864 yards)
- Designed by: Jack Neville and Douglas Grant (1919)
- Purse: \$2,200,000 (Winner: \$330,000)
- Golf Channel (all times ET): Fri, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. (LIVE); Sat & Sun, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. (LIVE)
- Twitter: [@PUREFirstTee](https://twitter.com/PUREFirstTee) | Instagram: [@PUREFirstTee](https://www.instagram.com/PUREFirstTee) | Facebook: [@PUREFirstTee](https://www.facebook.com/PUREFirstTee)

Format

The PURE Insurance Championship will have a modified format in 2020, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The tournament will take place without First Tee juniors and the amateur field has been reduced to 80 contestants, who will each team with one PGA TOUR Champions player.

The 54-hole tournament will be held exclusively at Pebble Beach Golf Links and have two concurrent competitions: Professional (Individual) and Pro-Am Team (Four-Ball). There will be a cut for amateurs after 36 holes, with the low 12 advancing to Sunday's final round. There will be no cut for the professionals.

Field highlights:

- Nine members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: Fred Couples, Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Tom Kite, Bernhard Langer, Davis Love III, Colin Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara and Vijay Singh
- 61 PGA TOUR winners with 388 total career victories
- 54 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 261 total career victories
- 24 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title; 20 with a PGA TOUR major title
- 28 of the top 30 Charles Schwab Cup finishers from last season

Triplett Going for a Quartet

Kirk Triplett and Billy Andrade birdied the 18th hole Sunday at Pebble Beach Golf Links to enter the sixth playoff of the 2019 season on PGA TOUR Champions. On the first playoff hole, both players hit their approach shot within 10 feet. Andrade two-putted and Triplett sunk his putt to claim his third title (2012 and 2013) at the PURE Insurance Championship.

With the victory, Triplett became the second champion at the PURE Insurance Championship to own three titles (Jeff Sluman; 2008, 2009, 2011). It was his second win of the season (2019 Hoag Classic) en route to finishing sixth in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

This year, Triplett has four top-25 finishes and is currently No. 41 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Past Champions in the Field

In addition to Triplett and Sluman, the 2020 field includes a total of six past champions of the PURE Insurance Championship:

- Kirk Triplett (2012, 2013, 2019)
- Jeff Sluman (2011, 2009, 2008)
- Ken Tanigawa (2018)
- Bernhard Langer (2017)
- Paul Broadhurst (2016)
- Esteban Toledo (2015)

Pebble Beach Success

Five players in the field have also won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, including World Golf Hall of Fame member Tom Kite (1983) who also won the 1992 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach.

- Tom Kite (1983)
- Steve Jones (1988)
- David Love III (2001, 2003)
- Mark O'Meara (1985, 1989, 1990, 1992 and 1997)
- Vijay Singh (2004)

Jimenez, Els and Furyk Lead Tournament Rookies

The 17th-annual PURE Insurance Championship will see 15 players make their tournament debut, including winner of last week's Sanford International, Miguel Angel Jimenez, who will tee it up for the first time at Pebble Beach since joining PGA TOUR Champions in 2014. Winner of the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, Jimenez is the first player with two victories so far this season. This is his third straight multi-win season, and his streak of seven straight years with a victory is the second-longest active streak (14, Bernhard Langer).

Ernie Els turned 50 on October 17, 2019, and in his Tour debut he lost in a playoff and finished T2 at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. Two starts later, he won the Hoag Classic in March and moved to No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup. He will make his tournament debut this week after finishing T28 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am in 2019.

In his PGA TOUR Champions debut, Jim Furyk won The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren, 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, breaking a winless streak of 5 years, 3 months, 14 days. In 22 starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Furyk finished inside the top 10 a total of five times. With a win this week, Furyk would become just the third player to win his first two starts on PGA TOUR Champions, joining Bruce Fleisher (1999) and Arnold Palmer (1980).

Love's Major Memories at Winged Foot

Davis Love III's first and only major championship title came at the 1997 PGA Championship held at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y., site of this week's U.S. Open Championship.

Love's 11-under-par winning score was five strokes better than runner-up Justin Leonard. When Love sank his memorable birdie putt on the final hole of the championship, it was under the arc of a rainbow, which appeared as he walked up to the No. 18 green. During the telecast, CBS Sports announcer Jim Nantz made the connection between the rainbow and Love's late father, Davis Love Jr., who was a long-time PGA professional.

The World Golf Hall of Fame member earned two of his 21 PGA TOUR career titles at Pebble Beach (2001 and 2003 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am). Love is making his fifth start at the PURE Insurance Championship with a best finish of T10 in 2017.

Rookie Winners

In 2020, five out of 10 tournaments have been won by a 50-year-old, and the five rookie winners matches the PGA TOUR Champions record for most in a single season (1989, 1999, 2007, 2013, 2014, 2020). Other rookies hoping to add their names to this list include Robert Karlsson (10th in the Charles Schwab Cup), Rod Pampling (11th), KJ Choi (46th), Mike Weir (47th) and Tim Herron (56th).

Stankowski's First Start

Two-time PGA TOUR winner Paul Stankowski will make his PGA TOUR Champions debut this week after carding a 3-under par 69 to finish T2 at the open qualifier held at Bayonet Black Horse Golf Course in Seaside, California on Tuesday. The Flower Mound, Texas resident turned 50 on December 2 and finished T7 at Q-School, falling two spots short of earning fully-exempt status for this season.

Stankowski's first victory came at the Korn Ferry Tour's Chitimacha Louisiana Open presented by Mistras in 1996. One week later, he won his first PGA TOUR event at the Bell South Classic in Atlanta, becoming the only player to win a Korn Ferry Tour event and a PGA TOUR event back to back. His second PGA TOUR win came at the 1997 Sony Open in Hawaii after defeating Jim Furyk and Mike Reid in a playoff. Stankowski made 17 starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am with a best finish of T7 in 2003.

The other three qualifiers this week were Dicky Pride, Cameron Beckman and Carlos Franco. Pride was a first-round co-leader last week at the Sanford International before finishing T12, while Beckman Monday Qualified for the third time this year and Franco the second time.

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.

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:** On a day 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**
- 12. **SAS Championship**
- 13. **Dominion Energy Charity Classic**
- 14. **Boca Raton Championship**
- 15. **Charles Schwab Cup Championship**