



Charles Schwab Cup Championship

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Quick Facts

• Total Purse: \$2,500,000 | Winner's Share: \$440,000

• Course: Phoenix Country Club | Par: 71| Yardage: 6,853

Golf Channel Airtimes (all times local):

o **Thursday:** 2:00 − 4:30 p.m. MT(LIVE)

o **Friday:** 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. MT (LIVE)

Saturday: 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. MT (LIVE)

○ **Sunday:** 2:00 – 4:30 p.m. MT (LIVE)

• Quick Links: <u>Tournament Field</u> | <u>Tee Times</u>

Format

• Field size: 35 of the top 36 players during the 2020-21 PGA TOUR season

- Overview: The 2021 Charles Schwab Cup Championship is a four-day, 72-hole, stroke-play competition with no cut. The tournament is the 2020-21 wraparound season finale and final leg of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs.
 - Eligibility: Top 36 players on the Charles Schwab Cup Points List following the TimberTech Championship are eligible. Should a player elect to not play, the field size is reduced accordingly.
 - Bonus: The Charles Schwab Cup title offers \$2.1 million in annuity bonus money to the top-five finishers at season's end. The prize money for the annuity will be distributed over 10 years. The winner of the season-long competition (Charles Schwab Cup) will be awarded a \$1 million annuity and the 2nd- 5th place finishers will receive annuities of \$500,000, \$300,000, \$200,000, and \$100,000, respectively.

Field Overview (as of 11/10/21)

The 39-event 2020-2021 super season finally comes to a close this week as 35 players will compete in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship at Phoenix Country Club.

The top-four players in the standings are still mathematically capable of winning the season-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup. **Bernhard Langer** (No. 1) and **Jim Furyk** (No. 2) can win the Cup with a tournament victory, while **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (No. 3) and **Ernie Els** (No. 4) need a tournament win and some help from Langer and Furyk.

- 7 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
 - Fred Couples, Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Bernhard Langer, Phil Mickelson, Colin Montgomerie,
 Vijay Singh
 - 26 PGA TOUR winners with 218 total career victories
 - 32 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 156 total career victories

- 10 with a PGA TOUR major title
- 13 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title

2020 Recap: Sutherland wins on Monday after nine-hole playoff against Broadhurst

Kevin Sutherland made a 4-foot birdie putt on the ninth playoff hole to beat **Paul Broadhurst** on Monday at last year's Charles Schwab Cup Championship. The two were forced to return to Phoenix Country Club to finish the final event of the year after playing to a stalemate over six playoff holes in near darkness on Sunday. Sutherland finally broke through on the ninth playoff hole, hitting his 163-yard approach shot from the fairway to 4 feet. He made the putt to win his fourth PGA TOUR Champions title after Broadhurst got up-and-down for par from short of the green.

It was the second Charles Schwab Cup Championship win at Phoenix Country Club for Sutherland, after capturing both the tournament and season-long Charles Schwab Cup title in 2017. No season-long champion was crowned at last year's event due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Final Four

If **Bernhard Langer** or **Jim Furyk** win the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, he would also win the Charles Schwab Cup. In all, four players are mathematically capable of winning the Charles Schwab Cup.

1. Bernhard Langer (3,560,999 points)

At age 64, Bernhard Langer looks to win his sixth Charles Schwab Cup and enters the final week atop the standings. Langer has two wins this season (2020 Cologuard Classic, 2021 Dominion Energy Charity Classic) among 24 top-10s in 38 starts. He has eight top-3 finishes this season and enters the week with four top-10s in his last five appearances. Langer has spent 21 weeks atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings during the 2020-21 season.

Langer's Charles Schwab Cup winning scenario(s)...

- If he WINS the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, he WINS the Charles Schwab Cup
- 2nd (solo) AND Furyk does not win
- 2nd (solo) thru T6 AND Furyk, Jimenez & Els do not win
- Has a reasonable chance of winning with a T6 finish AND Furyk, Jimenez & Els do not win
- Can finish as low as 35th and still have a mathematical chance of winning AND Furyk, Jimenez & Els do not WIN
- If Langer finishes 35th he could still win Charles Schwab Cup IF
 - Furyk finishes 3-way 3rd or worse
 - o Jimenez & Els do not win

2. Jim Furyk (3,223,272 points / trails Langer by 337,727)

Rookie Jim Furyk finished T2 last week at the second Playoff event, the TimberTech Championship. He has won three times this season, capturing victories in each of his first two starts (2020 The Ally Challenge, 2020 PURE Insurance Championship) before winning the U.S Senior Open in July. In 25 starts, Furyk has 17 top-10s and has never finished outside of the top 20. He enters the week with four consecutive top-5 finishes, including a T4 at his tournament, the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS. This season, Furyk has spent one week atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Furyk's Charles Schwab Cup winning scenario(s)...

- If he WINS the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, he WINS the Charles Schwab Cup
- Has a reasonable chance of winning with a T3 finish
- Can finish as low as a T3 and have a mathematical chance of winning
- Can finish solo 2nd and win the Charles Schwab Cup IF
 - Langer finishes 3-way T8 or worse

Jimenez & Els do not win

3. Miguel Angel Jimenez (2,901,298 points / trails Langer by 659,701)

Miguel Angel Jimenez sits third in the Charles Schwab Cup standings after finishing runner-up last week at the TimberTech Championship. Jimenez has two wins this season (2020 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, 2020 Sanford International) and 16 top-10s in 31 starts. He has spent two weeks atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings this season.

Jimenez's Charles Schwab Cup winning scenario(s)...

Wins Charles Schwab Cup Championship AND Langer finishes 3-way T6 or worse

4. Ernie Els (2,875,445 points / trails Langer by 685,554)

Rookie Ernie Els has two victories (2020 Hoag Classic, 2020 SAS Championship) among 18 top-10s in 35 starts. Els has spent two weeks atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings this season. At the first and second Playoff events, the Dominion Energy Charity Classic and TimberTech Championship, Els finished T4.

Els' Charles Schwab Cup winning scenario(s)....

Wins Charles Schwab Cup Championship AND Langer finishes worse than T7 or worse

First-Timers at Schwab Cup

Four players will be making their first start at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship:

- Steven Alker: Alker was the last man to punch a ticket to Phoenix with a win last week at the second Playoff event, the TimberTech Championship. Alker, a New Zealand native who now lives outside of Phoenix, logged eight top-10s in his first nine starts and is now fully exempt through the end of the 2022 season.
- Alex Cejka: Two-time major winner (2021 Regions Tradition, 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA
 Championship) this season, Cejka enters this week at No. 12 in the standings as he makes his first
 appearance at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. In 18 events, he has recorded seven top-10
 finishes.
- Darren Clarke: Just one of two players (Jim Furyk) to win three tournaments (2020 TimberTech
 Championship, 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Classic, 2021 Sanford International) this season, Clarke enter
 this week at No. 10 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. This season, Clarke has posted eight top10 finishes in 31 starts.
- Phil Mickelson: 45-time PGA TOUR winner Phil Mickelson (No. 29) made history earlier this year when he became the oldest player (50) to win a major championship at the PGA Championship. The six-time major champion and Arizona State University graduate won three of his first four PGA TOUR Champions starts, most recently at the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS presented by Circle K in Jacksonville, Florida last month. With a win this week in Phoenix, Mickelson would join Jack Nicklaus as the only players in Tour history to win at least four tournaments in their first six starts.

Past Champions

Of the 35 players in this week's field, defending champion **Kevin Sutherland** is the only player to have won both a tournament title (2017, 2020) and a Charles Schwab Cup (2017).

• The field includes a total of three past Charles Schwab Cup winners:

- o Bernhard Langer (2010, 2014-16, 2018)
- o Kevin Sutherland (2017)
- o Kenny Perry (2013)
- The field includes four past Charles Schwab Cup Championship winners:
 - o Kevin Sutherland (2017, 2020) at Phoenix Country Club
 - o Vijay Singh (2018) at Phoenix Country Club
 - o Paul Goydos (2016)
 - o Fred Couples (2013)

Arizona Connections

- Phil Mickelson: Arizona State graduate
- Jim Furyk: University of Arizona graduate
- Kirk Triplett: Scottsdale resident
- Steve Alker: New Zealand native who has been living in greater Phoenix for over 12 years

International Flavor

This year's Charles Schwab Cup Championship field features 15 players from 12 countries. In addition to the United States, players hail from Australia (Rod Pampling), Canada (Stephen Ames, Mike Weir), England (Paul Broadhurst), Fiji (Vijay Singh), Germany (Alex Cejka, Bernhard Langer), Northern Ireland (Darren Clarke), Scotland (Colin Montgomerie), South Africa (Ernie Els, Retief Goosen), South Korea (K.J. Choi), Spain (Miguel Angel Jimenez), Sweden (Robert Karlsson) and New Zealand (Steven Alker).

Charles Schwab Cup Championship: By the Numbers

- Best 18-hole score at Phoenix Country Club: 61
 - Vijay Singh (Rd. 4, 2018)
- Aces at Phoenix Country Club:
 - Bernhard Langer: No. 8 (Rd. 4, 2019)
- Tournament 18-hole scoring record: 60
 - Jay Haas at Desert Mountain Club's Cochise Course (Rd. 2, 2012)
- Best come from behind: 6
 - o Raymond Floyd (1994)
 - o **Tom Watson** (2005)
 - o Vijay Singh (2018)
- Largest margin of victory: 9
 - Andy Bean (2008)
- Wire-to-Wire Winners: 3
 - Jim Colbert (1995)
 - Jim Thorpe (2003)
 - o Paul Goydos (2016)
- Playoffs: 6 (2020, 2019, 2015, 2014, 1994, 1990)

<u>Charles Schwab Cup Championship – Tournament History</u>

Phoenix Country Club is the eighth different site to host the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. It was also the site of the inaugural Waste Management Phoenix Open in 1932 and went on to serve as the tournament site through 1986, except for odd years from 1955-73 when it was played at Arizona Country Club. Designed by Harry Collis, the club did a redesign in 2002 with Tom Lehman and partner John Fought.

Year	Champion	Golf Course	Location
2020	Kevin Sutherland*	Phoenix Country Club	Phoenix, AZ
2019	Jeff Maggert*	Phoenix Country Club	Phoenix, AZ
2018	Vijay Singh	Phoenix Country Club	Phoenix, AZ

2017^	Kevin Sutherland	Phoenix Country Club	Phoenix, AZ
2016^	Paul Goydos	Desert Mountain Club (Cochise)	Scottsdale, AZ
2015	Billy Andrade*	Desert Mountain Club (Cochise)	Scottsdale, AZ
2014	Tom Pernice Jr.*	Desert Mountain Club (Cochise)	Scottsdale, AZ
2013	Fred Couples	TPC Harding Park	San Francisco, CA
2012	Tom Lehman	Desert Mountain Club (Cochise)	Scottsdale, AZ
2011	Jay Don Blake	TPC Harding Park	San Francisco, CA
2010	John Cook	TPC Harding Park	San Francisco, CA
2009	John Cook	Sonoma Golf Club	Sonoma, CA
2008	Andy Bean	Sonoma Golf Club	Sonoma, CA
2007	Jim Thorpe	Sonoma Golf Club	Sonoma, CA
2006	Jim Thorpe	Sonoma Golf Club	Sonoma, CA
2005	Tom Watson	Sonoma Golf Club	Sonoma, CA
2004	Mark McNulty	Sonoma Golf Club	Sonoma, CA
2003	Jim Thorpe	Sonoma Golf Club	Sonoma, CA
2002	Tom Watson	Gaillardia Golf & Country Club	Oklahoma City, OK
2001	Bob Gilder	Gaillardia Golf & Country Club	Oklahoma City, OK
2000	Tom Watson	TPC Myrtle Beach	Myrtle Beach, SC
1999	Gary McCord	Dunes Golf and Beach Club	Myrtle Beach, SC
1998	Hale Irwin	Dunes Golf and Beach Club	Myrtle Beach, SC
1997	Gil Morgan	Dunes Golf and Beach Club	Myrtle Beach, SC
1996	Jay Sigel	Dunes Golf and Beach Club	Myrtle Beach, SC
1995	Jim Colbert	Dunes Golf and Beach Club	Myrtle Beach, SC
1994	Raymond Floyd*	Dunes Golf and Beach Club	Myrtle Beach, SC
1993^	Simon Hobday	Hyatt Dorado Beach (East)	Dorado, PR
1992^	Raymond Floyd	Hyatt Dorado Beach (East)	Dorado, PR
1991^	Mike Hill	Hyatt Dorado Beach (East)	Dorado, PR
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^{*} Won by playoff
^ 54-hole tournament