



Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS presented by Circle K

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Quick Facts

- **Total Purse:** \$2,000,000 | **Winner's Share:** \$300,000
- **Course:** Timuquana Country Club | **Par:** 72 | **Yardage:** 6,949 | **Designer:** Donald Ross (1923)
- **TV Coverage (Golf Channel):**
 - **Friday:** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET (LIVE)
 - **Saturday:** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET (LIVE)
 - **Sunday:** 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET (LIVE)
- **Quick Links:** [Field](#) | [Tee Times](#) (will be released on Thursday) | [Tournament Info](#)
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@FurykandFriends](#)) | Instagram ([@FurykandFriends](#)) | [Facebook.com/FurykandFriends](#)

Field Overview (as of 10/06/21)

The inaugural Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS presented by Circle K features one of the strongest fields in PGA TOUR Champions history, including 35 of the top 40 players in this week's Charles Schwab Cup standings. Tournament host **Jim Furyk** welcomes nine Hall of Fame members, including **Phil Mickelson** and **Fred Couples**. Both Ryder Cup captains will also tee it up this week at Timuquana Country Club, as **Padraig Harrington** makes his PGA TOUR Champions debut and **Steve Stricker** makes his first start since leading the U.S. Team to victory.

- 9 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
 - **Fred Couples, Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Bernhard Langer, Davis Love III, Phil Mickelson, Colin Montgomerie, Jose Maria Olazabal, Vijay Singh**
- 674 combined victories across the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions
 - 60 PGA TOUR winners with 423 total career victories
 - 52 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 251 total career victories
- 22 with a PGA TOUR major title
- 23 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title

Ryder Cup Reunion

This week's field includes several players who were involved in the Ryder Cup two weeks ago, including victorious U.S. Captain **Steve Stricker** and Team Europe Captain **Padraig Harrington**. U.S. Vice Captains **Fred Couples, Jim Furyk, Davis Love III** and **Phil Mickelson**, who helped the U.S. Team to a 19-9 victory over Europe, are also in this week's field at the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS. European Vice Captain **Robert Karlsson** will also tee it up this week, making it seven of the 12 captains/vice captains from either side playing at FURYK & FRIENDS.

Paddy's Debut

Padraig Harrington will make his PGA TOUR Champions debut this week at the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS after turning 50 on August 31.

A native of Ireland, Harrington owns three major titles (2007, 2008 The Open Championship; 2008 PGA Championship). Harrington, who won five times on the PGA TOUR, was named Player of the Year in 2008. He has 11 victories on the European Tour and was named Player of the Year in 2007 and 2008. Harrington, who served as the European Ryder Cup Team Captain last month at Whistling Straits, played on six Ryder Cup teams.

Mickelson Looks to Go 3-for-4

World Golf Hall of Fame member **Phil Mickelson** will make his fourth start on PGA TOUR Champions this week at the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS. Mickelson won each of his first two starts (2020 Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National, 2020 Dominion Energy Charity Classic) before finishing T20 at the 2021 Cologuard Classic in February.

Mickelson, who served as an assistant captain for the U.S. Team at the Ryder Cup two weeks ago, is a six-time major champion and 45-time winner on the PGA TOUR. In May, Mickelson became the oldest player to win a major title when he captured the PGA Championship at the age of 50.

Host Furyk Goes for Fourth Win

Tournament host **Jim Furyk** tees it up at his home course (Timuquana Country Club) this week as he goes for his fourth win of the season. A rookie on PGA TOUR Champions this season, Furyk's three wins are tied for the most among all players in 2020-21 with Darren Clarke. Furyk won each of his first two starts (2020 The Ally Challenge, 2020 PURE Insurance Championship) before capturing the 2021 U.S. Senior Open title in July. He has 13 top-10s in 21 starts this season and has not finished outside of the top 20 in any of his PGA TOUR Champions appearances. Furyk enters the week ranked No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Other Players to Watch

- **Fred Couples** – Couples has 12 top-10s in 18 starts this season, including three runner-up finishes. Couples has finished in the top 10 in five of his last seven starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **Steve Stricker** – Stricker has two wins this season (2021 Chubb Classic, 2021 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship) among 10 top-10s in 12 starts. He enters the week with three consecutive top-10s on PGA TOUR Champions, including a sixth-place finish in his last start at the Sanford International.
- **Ernie Els** – Els has two wins (2020 Hoag Classic, 2020 SAS Championship) among 15 top-10s in 31 starts this season. He enters the week ranked No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

Host Venue

Timuquana Country Club was founded in 1923 when 50 community leaders decided to form a new golf club for Jacksonville. The Club is named after a Timucuan tribe of Native Americans who once lived along the edges of the St. Johns River which borders the Club and will provide beautiful views for players and fans alike. Donald Ross, who was the most accomplished golf architect during that time, was chosen as the course designer and constructed a beautiful, tree-lined property.

Since its opening, the course has hosted several tournaments including the 2002 U.S. Senior Men's Amateur Golf Championship and the 2019 U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship.

Past PLAYERS Champs

The field includes five winners of THE PLAYERS Championship held at TPC Sawgrass in nearby Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida:

- **Davis Love III** (1992, 2003)
- **Fred Couples** (1984, 1996)
- **K.J. Choi** (2011)
- **Phil Mickelson** (2007)
- **Fred Funk** (2005)

International Flavor

The inaugural Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS field features players from 14 countries. In addition to the United States, players hail from Australia (**Robert Allenby, Stuart Appleby, Stephen Leaney, David McKenzie, Rod Pampling** and **John Senden**), Canada (**Mike Weir**), Colombia (**Jesus Rivas**), England (**Paul Broadhurst**), Fiji (**Vijay Singh**), Germany (**Bernhard Langer**), Ireland (**Padraig Harrington**), New Zealand (**Steven Alker**), Northern Ireland (**Darren Clarke**), Scotland (**Colin Montgomerie**), South Africa (**Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Keith Horne** and **David Frost**), South Korea (**K.J. Choi**), Spain (**Miguel Angel Jimenez, Jose Maria Olazabal**) and Sweden (**Robert Karlsson**).

Rookie Winners

The 2020-21 season has produced 11 rookie winners who have combined to win 16 tournaments. **K.J. Choi** became the most recent to accomplish this feat two weeks ago with his victory at the PURE Insurance Championship.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Wins</u>
Brett Quigley	2020 Morocco Champions
Ernie Els	2020 Hoag Classic 2020 SAS Championship
Jim Furyk	2020 The Ally Challenge 2020 PURE Insurance Championship 2021 U.S. Senior Open
Shane Bertsch	2020 Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge
Phil Mickelson	2020 Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National 2020 Dominion Energy Charity Classic
Mike Weir	2021 Insperity Invitational
Alex Cejka	2021 Regions Tradition 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
Dicky Pride	2021 Mitsubishi Electric Classic
Cameron Beckman	2021 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
Rod Pampling	2021 Boeing Classic
K.J. Choi	2021 PURE Insurance Championship

Trend of First-Time Winners Continues

The 2020-21 season has produced 13 first-time winners, the most in a single season in PGA TOUR Champions history. The previous record of 11 was set in 1999.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Tournament</u>
Cameron Beckman	2021 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
Shane Bertsch	2020 Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge

Alex Cejka	2021 Regions Tradition
K.J. Choi	2021 PURE Insurance Championship
Darren Clarke	2020 TimberTech Championship
Stephen Dodd	2021 The Senior Open Presented by Rolex
Ernie Els	2020 Hoag Classic
Jim Furyk	2020 The Ally Challenge
Phil Mickelson	2020 Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National
Brett Quigley	2020 Morocco Champions
Rod Pampling	2021 Boeing Classic
Dicky Pride	2021 Mitsubishi Electric Classic
Mike Weir	2021 Insperity Invitational

Race to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

With two events remaining before the start of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, the top three are separated by less than \$170,000. **Bernhard Langer** moved back into the top spot from No. 3 after a T2 finish in his last outing at the PURE Insurance Championship. Tournament host **Jim Furyk** and **Jerry Kelly**, who are Nos. 2 and 3, respectively, are separated by \$4,259. **Ernie Els** and **Miguel Angel Jimenez** round out the top five.

After this week's Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS, the regular season concludes next week at the SAS Championship in Cary, North Carolina. The Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs begin with the Dominion Energy Charity Classic (October 22-24) before the TimberTech Championship (November 5-7) and conclude with the Charles Schwab Cup Championship (November 11-14).

Players currently on the bubble entering the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS include No. 70 Jesper Parnevik (\$235,975), No. 71 **Larry Mize** (\$233,712), No. 72 John Huston (\$232,027), No. 73 **Corey Pavin** (\$227,569), No. 74 Scott Verplank (\$221,670) and No. 75 **Michael Allen** (\$208,440).

Player	Money	Season Summary	Weeks at #1	Last Week
1. Bernhard Langer	\$2,712,362	1 win, 21 top-10 finishes in 34 starts	17	3 rd
2. Jim Furyk	\$2,547,730	3 wins, 13 top-10s in 21 starts	1	1 st
3. Jerry Kelly	\$2,543,471	2 wins, 15 top-10s in 32 starts	7	2 nd
4. Ernie Els	\$2,368,043	2 wins, 15 top-10s in 31 starts	2	4 th
5. Miguel Angel Jimenez	\$2,188,098	2 wins, 13 top-10s in 27 starts	2	5 th