



## Dominion Energy Charity Classic

The Country Club of Virginia (James River Course) | Richmond, Virginia | October 22-24, 2021

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### Quick Facts

- **Total Purse:** \$2,000,000 | **Winner's Share:** \$305,000
- **Course:** The Country Club of Virginia (James River Course) | **Par:** 72 | **Yardage:** 7,025
  - **Designer:** William S. Flynn (1928); Renovation by Rees Jones (1992); Restored by Lester George (2003)
- **TV Coverage (Golf Channel):**
  - **Friday:** 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET
  - **Saturday:** 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET
  - **Sunday:** 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET
- **Quick Links:** [Field](#) | [Tee Times](#) (will be released Thursday) | [Tournament Info](#)
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@DECCGolf](#)) | Instagram ([@DECCgolf](#)) | Facebook ([@DECCGolf](#))

### Field Overview (as of 10/20/21)

With the conclusion of the 2020-21 regular season, the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs begin this week at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic at The Country Club of Virginia's James River Course in Richmond, Virginia. It is the first of three Playoff events, followed by the TimberTech Championship (November 5-7) and Charles Schwab Cup Championship (November 11-14).

Defending champion **Phil Mickelson** returns to the Dominion Energy Charity Classic in search of his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions in only his fifth start. He is joined by three other past champions as the event celebrates its sixth year: **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (2019), **Woody Austin** (2018) and **Bernhard Langer** (2017). Langer, a five-time winner of the Charles Schwab Cup, enters the Playoffs atop the standings. Rookies **Jim Furyk** and **Ernie Els** represent Nos. 2 and 5, respectively, while **Jerry Kelly** sits third and Jimenez at No. 4.

Each Playoff event provides double points (\$1 = 2 points) and the top 54 players on the Charles Schwab Cup Points List after this week will advance to the second Playoff event. This week's 66-player field includes:

- 8 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
  - **Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Bernhard Langer, Davis Love III, Phil Mickelson, Colin Montgomerie, Jose Maria Olazabal, Vijay Singh**
- 520 combined victories across the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions
  - 47 PGA TOUR winners with 310 total career victories

- 47 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 210 total career victories
- 15 with a PGA TOUR major title
- 19 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title

### **Charles Schwab Cup Overview**

With the 2020-21 regular season completed, the top 72 is set for the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs. The Charles Schwab Cup Money List is converted into the Charles Schwab Cup Points List (\$1 = 1 point) and for each of the three Playoffs events, starting at this week's Dominion Energy Charity Classic, points will double (\$1 = 2 points).

The top 54 players in the Charles Schwab Cup standings after this week's event will advance to the TimberTech Championship (November 5-7). The top 36 in the standings after TimberTech will advance to the Charles Schwab Cup Championship (November 11-14). The Charles Schwab Cup champion will be crowned after the conclusion of that event, which consists of 72 holes.

### **Charles Schwab Cup Standings**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Money</u></b>
1. Bernhard Langer	\$2,854,999
2. Jim Furyk	\$2,783,805
3. Jerry Kelly	\$2,557,001
4. Miguel Angel Jimenez	\$2,548,898
5. Ernie Els	\$2,478,445

#### ***No. 1 Bernhard Langer***

At age 64, Bernhard Langer looks to win his sixth Charles Schwab Cup and enters the 2020-21 Playoffs atop the standings. Langer has one win this season (2020 Cologuard Classic) among 23 top-10s in 36 starts. He has seven top-3 finishes this season and enters the week with three consecutive top-10s. Langer has spent 19 weeks ranked No. 1 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings during the 2020-21 season.

#### ***No. 2 Jim Furyk***

Rookie Jim Furyk 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 2021 U.S Senior Open in July. In 23 starts, Furyk has 15 top-10s and has never finished outside of the top 20. He enters the week with back-to-back top-5 finishes, including a T4 at his tournament, the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS, earlier this month. This season, Furyk has spent one week atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

#### ***No. 3 Jerry Kelly***

Jerry Kelly sits third after winning twice during the regular season (2020 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, 2021 American Family Insurance Championship). He has 15 top-10s in 23 starts this season, including top-10s in all six majors contested in the 2020-21 season. Kelly has spent seven weeks atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings this season.

#### ***No. 4 Miguel Angel Jimenez***

Fresh off back-to-back runner-up finishes, Miguel Angel Jimenez sits fourth in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. Jimenez has two wins this season (2020 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, 2020 Sanford International) and 15 top-10s in 29 starts. He has spent two weeks atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings this season. Jimenez enters the week with six consecutive top-10s, including four straight top-5 finishes.

#### ***No. 5 Ernie Els***

Rookie Ernie Els has two victories (2020 Hoag Classic, 2020 SAS Championship) among 16 top-10s in 33 starts. Els has spent two weeks atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings this season. Earlier this month, he finished T4 at the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS.

#### **Ageless Langer Seeks His Sixth Cup**

At age 64, **Bernhard Langer** looks to add to his already stellar PGA TOUR Champions resume. Starting the 2020-21 Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs atop the standings, Langer looks to win his sixth Schwab Cup. He already holds the record with five Schwab Cups (2010, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018).

A World Golf Hall of Fame member, Langer owns 41 victories on PGA TOUR Champions, second-most all-time behind Hale Irwin (45). Langer has won at least one tournament in each of his 14 seasons on the Champions Tour, dating back to 2007. He has one victory this season (2020 Cologuard Classic) and enters the week with three consecutive top-10 finishes.

#### **Mickelson Goes for History**

Defending champion **Phil Mickelson** has a chance to make history this week with a victory. If Mickelson wins, he would become the first player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win four of his first five starts.

Earlier this month at the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS, Mickelson became the second player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win three of his first four starts, along with Fred Couples (2010). Mickelson won each of his first two starts (2020 Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National, 2020 Dominion Energy Charity Classic) before finishing T20 in his third start at the 2021 Cologuard Classic.

#### **Fewest Starts to Earn Fourth Win on PGA TOUR Champions**

<b><u>Player</u></b>	<b><u>Start No.</u></b>	<b><u>Year of 4th Win</u></b>
Jack Nicklaus	6	1991
Gary Player	8	1986
Arnold Palmer	9	1982
Loren Roberts	9	2006
Lee Trevino	9	1990

#### **Bubble Watch**

The top-54 players in the standings after this week will qualify for the TimberTech Championship. In 2019, two players moved into the top-54 following the Dominion Energy Charity Classic and advanced to the second week of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs.

- Tommy Tolles finished second after carding 16-under 200 to move from 59th to 37th place in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Bart Bryant birdied four of his last five holes Sunday to post a final-round 66 and earn enough points to move into 53rd.

	<b>Player</b>	<b>To Par</b>	<b>Scores</b>	<b>Schwab Cup Standings</b>	
				<b>Start</b>	<b>Projected</b>
2.	Tommy Tolles	-16	65-67-68 – 200	59th	37th – IN
T12.	Bart Bryant	-9	70-71-66 – 207	55th	53rd – IN
T30.	Stephen Leaney	-3	71-70-72 – 213	54th	56th – OUT
T47.	Esteban Toledo	E	71-70-75 – 216	51st	55th – OUT

This year, **Ken Duke** is the player on the bubble entering the Playoffs.

No.	Player	Points	Points from No. 54
50.	Kent Jones	559,336	48,428
51.	David McKenzie	557,544	46,636
52.	Bob Estes	555,921	45,013
53.	Tom Byrum	518,848	7,940
54.	Ken Duke	510,908	0
55.	Steven Alker	499,707	-11,201
56.	Jay Haas	490,589	-20,319

#### **Charles Schwab Cup History**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>
2001	Allen Doyle
2002	Hale Irwin
2003	Tom Watson
2004	Hale Irwin (2)
2005	Tom Watson (2)
2006	Jay Haas
2007	Loren Roberts
2008	Jay Haas (2)
2009	Loren Roberts (2)
2010	Bernhard Langer
2011	Tom Lehman
2012	Tom Lehman (2)
2013	Kenny Perry
2014	Bernhard Langer (2)
2015	Bernhard Langer (3)
2016	Bernhard Langer (4)
2017	Kevin Sutherland
2018	Bernhard Langer (5)
2019	Scott McCarron

#### **Tournament History**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>
2020	Phil Mickelson	-17	Mike Weir
2019	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-18	Tommy Tolles
2018	Woody Austin	-11	Bernhard Langer
2017	Bernhard Langer	-16	Scott Verplank
2016	Scott McCarron*	-13	Tom Byrum

\*-denotes won in a playoff

#### **Other 2020-21 Season Notes**

- **Going for Win No. 4:** **Phil Mickelson**, **Jim Furyk** and **Darren Clarke** each have three victories on PGA TOUR Champions this season, tied for the most among all players.
- **Rookie Winners:** The 2020-21 season has produced 11 rookie winners who have combined to win 17 tournaments.

- **First-Time Winners:** The 2020-21 season has produced 13 first-time winners, the most in a single season in PGA TOUR Champions history.