



Dominion Energy Charity Classic

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

Tournament 1 of 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

First-Round Notes

Friday, October 22, 2021

Course Setup: Par 72 / 6,959 yards (R1: 70.531)

Weather: Mostly cloudy with a high of 71 and winds NNE at 4-8 mph

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Schwab Cup Standings	
				Start	Projected
1.	Steven Alker	-9	32-31 – 63	55th	26th
2.	Steve Flesch	-8	33-31 – 64	18th	9th
T3.	Stephen Ames	-6	33-33 – 66	23rd	21st
T3.	Bob Estes	-6	33-33 – 66	52nd	39th
T3.	Doug Barron	-6	34-32 – 66	15th	13th
T3.	Matt Gogel	-6	35-31 – 66	69th	59th
T3.	Bernhard Langer	-6	34-32 – 66	1st	1st

Quick Links:

- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#) (Golf Channel: 2:00-5:00 p.m. ET)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](#) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Steven Alker, 32-31 – 63 (-9)

Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 55th / Projected: 26th

- Starting on Hole No. 10, Alker birdied Nos. 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 1, 2, 4 and 5 en route to a bogey-free 9-under 63.
- This matches the lowest 18-hole score in tournament history and is the sixth time a player has shot 63 at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic.
- This is the lowest first-round score in tournament history (previous: 65, three times).

- This is Alker's lowest round on PGA TOUR Champions (previous: 65, two times). Alker has broken par in 19 of his 22 rounds.
- This is the first time Alker has led after any round on PGA TOUR Champions. His previous best position after any round was when he finished third at the 2021 The Ally Challenge.
- Alker, who turned 50 on July 28, 2021, has earned six top-10s in seven starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - After earning a spot via Monday qualifying into the Boeing Classic, Alker finished T7 to advance to the following tournament.
 - After the Boeing Classic, Alker added five consecutive top-10s before finishing T16 in his most recent start at the SAS Championship.
- Alker owns four wins on the Korn Ferry Tour, most recently at the 2014 Cleveland Open. He made 29 starts on the Korn Ferry Tour during the 2020-21 season and earned one top-10.
- Alker made 86 starts on the PGA TOUR, most recently at the 2017 Wyndham Championship.

Steve Flesch, 33-31 – 64 (-8)

Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 18th / Projected: 9th

- After starting 3-under thru 11 holes, Flesch birdied five of his last seven holes, including Nos. 12-15, to shoot a bogey-free 8-under 64.
- This matches Flesch's fifth-lowest round on PGA TOUR Champions and second-lowest first-round score (278 rounds).
- This is the fifth time Flesch has been in second place or better after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Making his fourth start at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, Flesch's best finish is T8 (2019).
- Flesch's 64 is his lowest round at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic (10 rounds). His previous best was 66 (R2/2017).
- Flesch has three top-10s in his last four starts on PGA TOUR Champions, going 2nd-9th-3rd-T12 during that span. During the 2020-21 season, Flesch has nine top-10s in 34 starts, including three runner-up finishes.
- Since joining PGA TOUR Champions in 2017, Flesch owns one win (2018 Mitsubishi Electric Classic) and 21 top-10s.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Implications

After Sunday's final round, the top-54 players in the standings will qualify for the TimberTech Championship. In 2019, Tommy Tolles and Bart Bryant moved into the top-54 following the Dominion Energy Charity Classic and advanced to the second week of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs. After the first round, Steven Alker is the only player projected to move into the top-54.

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1.	Steven Alker	-9	32-31 – 63	55th	26th – IN
T48.	Kent Jones	+1	35-38 – 73	50th	55th – OUT

Other Notes

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Bernhard Langer** sits T3 after shooting a bogey-free 6-under 66. The five-time Charles Schwab Cup champion has finished inside the top 6 in each of his five starts at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, including a victory in 2017.
- The other four players at T3 are **Stephen Ames**, **Bob Estes**, **Doug Barron** and **Matt Gogel**.
- In his bid to become the first player in PGA TOUR Champions history to win four of his first five starts, defending champion **Phil Mickelson** shot 1-under 71 and sits T31.
- **John Daly** withdrew during the first round.