



Principal Charity Classic

Wakonda Club | Des Moines, Iowa | June 4-6, 2021

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Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** Wakonda Club
- **Par:** 72; **Yardage:** 6,851
- **Designed by:** William Boyce Langford (1922)
- **Purse:** \$1,850,000 (Winner: \$277,500)
- **TV Coverage (Golf Channel):**
 - Friday: Noon-2 p.m. ET
 - Saturday: 3:00-5:00 p.m. ET
 - Sunday: 2:30-5:30 p.m. ET
- **Quick Links:** [Tournament Field](#) | [Tee Times](#)
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@PCCTourney](#)), Instagram ([@principalcharityclassic](#)), Facebook ([@PrincipalCharityClassic](#))

Field Overview (as of 6/2/21)

PGA TOUR Champions continues its Midwest stretch with the first of three tournaments in the month of June at this week's Principal Charity Classic. Wakonda Club will host the tournament for the eighth time, which is celebrating its 20th year in Des Moines, Iowa.

- 7 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
 - (Mark O'Meara, Retief Goosen, Colin Montgomerie, Fred Couples, Ernie Els, Vijay Singh, Bernhard Langer)
- 55 PGA TOUR winners with 330 total career victories
- 53 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 239 total career victories
- 21 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title
- 17 with a PGA TOUR major title

2019 Recap

Kevin Sutherland shot a course-record 62 and erased an eight-shot deficit, the third largest in PGA TOUR Champions history, to win on the second playoff hole at the Principal Charity Classic. Sutherland made eight back-nine birdies to catch first- and second-round leader Scott Parel, who shot a final-round 70 and was unable to match Sutherland's birdie on the second extra hole.

Jerry Kelly finished third at 16-under, one stroke behind Sutherland and Parel. David Toms finished at 13-under for fourth place.

Cejka Looks to Continue Hot Streak

In only five starts on PGA TOUR Champions, **Alex Cejka** has captured two wins, both of which came at the first two majors contested in the 2021 calendar year. Last week, Cejka cruised to a four-stroke win at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship at Southern Hills Country Club in Tulsa, Oklahoma. At the Regions Tradition earlier in May, Cejka defeated Steve Stricker in a sudden-death playoff for his first win on the Champions Tour.

Cejka is the first PGA TOUR Champions player to win his first two major starts since Arnold Palmer (1980-81), and the first rookie to win two majors since Jack Nicklaus in 1990. He becomes the eighth player to win multiple titles during the 2020-21 season. In 17 rounds on PGA TOUR Champions, Cejka has recorded 14 subpar rounds, including 11 rounds in the 60s.

Alex Cejka's Results on PGA TOUR Champions

Tournament	Finish
Cologuard Classic	T38
Chubb Classic	T2
Regions Tradition	Won
Mitsubishi Electric Classic	T26
Senior PGA Championship	Won

Consistent Furyk Eyes Return to Winner's Circle

In his first season on PGA TOUR Champions, **Jim Furyk** has finished in the top 20 in each of his 11 starts and currently sits 11th in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. Furyk won his first two starts (2020 The Ally Challenge, 2020 PURE Insurance Championship) and has six top-10s during the 2020-21 season.

Weir Comes to Iowa in Good Form

Mike Weir enters the week with top-five finishes in two of his last three starts, including a victory at the Insuperity Invitational. At last week's Senior PGA Championship, Weir led by four strokes after two rounds before finishing T5 and currently sits ninth in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. In 16 starts this season, Weir has seven top-10s, including five top-five finishes.

Smoltz Ready to Tee it Up Again

MLB Hall of Famer **John Smoltz** is set to make his fourth appearance during the 2020-21 season and eighth start on PGA TOUR Champions since 2018. Smoltz played at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic three weeks ago, finishing 76th. His first two starts of the season were both at the Cologuard Classic (71st/2020, T67/2021). This week is his debut at the Principal Charity Classic.

Charles Schwab Cup Standings

The top four in the Charles Schwab Cup standings remain unchanged from last week, with **Miguel Angel Jimenez** moving into the No. 5 spot after a T8 finish at the Senior PGA Championship. Tim Petrovic moved up six spots into the No. 10 position after a runner-up finish last week. Following **Alex Cejka's** win at the Senior PGA Championship, he moved up 20 spots to No. 12 in this week's standings.

Player	Money	2020-21 Season
1. Bernhard Langer	\$1,825,600	15 top-10s in 22 appearances
2. Ernie Els	\$1,763,976	11 top-10s in 20 appearances
3. Kevin Sutherland	\$1,665,507	12 top-10s in 19 appearances

4. Jerry Kelly	\$1,549,130	Top-10s in six of his last seven starts
5. Miguel Angel Jiménez	\$1,391,029	Eight top-10s in 20 appearances

Past Champions in the Field

Four past champions that have combined to win six Principal Charity Classic titles are in this week's field, including three-time winner **Jay Haas** (2007, 2008, 2012). Three of the last four champions are also in the field: **Scott McCarron** (2016), **Brandt Jobe** (2017) and **Tom Lehman** (2018).

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Golf Course</u>
2019	Kevin Sutherland*	Wakonda Club
2018	Tom Lehman	Wakonda Club
2017	Brandt Jobe	Wakonda Club
2016	Scott McCarron	Wakonda Club
2015	Mark Calcavecchia	Wakonda Club
2014	Tom Pernice Jr.*	Wakonda Club
2013	Ross Cochran	Wakonda Club
2012	Jay Haas	Glen Oaks CC
2011	Bob Gilder	Glen Oaks CC
2010	Nick Price	Glen Oaks CC
2009	Mark McNulty*	Glen Oaks CC
2008	Jay Haas	Glen Oaks CC
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2006	Gil Morgan	Glen Oaks CC
2005	Tom Jenkins*	Tournament Club of Iowa
2004	D.A. Weibring	Glen Oaks CC
2003	Don Pooley	Glen Oaks CC
2002	Bob Gilder	Glen Oaks CC
2001	Jim Thorpe	Glen Oaks CC

*-denotes won in a playoff

20 Players to Make Tournament Debut

World Golf Hall of Fame members **Ernie Els**, **Colin Montgomerie** and **Vijay Singh** are among the 20 players making their Principal Charity Classic debut. In addition to that trio, major champions **Jim Furyk** and **Mike Weir** will tee it up at this event for the first time, along with last week's winner **Alex Cejka** and MLB Hall of Fame member **John Smoltz**.

The other first-timers at the Principal Charity Classic are **Doug Barron**, **Cameron Beckman**, **Shane Bertsch**, **Robert Gamez**, **Matt Gogel**, **Tim Herron**, **Thongchai Jaidee**, **Robert Karlsson**, **Rod Pampling**, **Dicky Pride**, **Brett Quigley**, **Jarmo Sandelin** and **John Senden**.