



PURE Insurance Championship

Pebble Beach Golf Links & Spyglass Hill Golf Course | Pebble Beach, Calif. | September 20-26, 2021

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Quick Facts

- **Total Purse:** \$2,200,000 | **Winner's Share:** \$330,000
- **TV Coverage (Golf Channel):**
 - **Friday:** 8:00 – 10:00 p.m. PT (TAPED)
 - **Saturday:** 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. PT (LIVE)
 - **Sunday:** Noon – 3:00 p.m. PT (LIVE)
- **Quick Links:** [Tournament Field](#) | [Tee Times](#) | [Pro-Junior Pairings](#) | [First Tee participant bios](#)
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@PUREFirstTee](#)) | Instagram ([@PUREFirstTee](#)) | [Facebook.com/PUREFirstTee](#)

Format

- **Field size:** 81 professionals each paired with 1 junior & 2 amateurs
- **Three concurrent competitions:**
 - Professional (individual); [Pro-Junior Team](#) (team net best ball); Amateur Team* (foursome net best ball)
 - *Note: Amateurs play with a different pro-junior team on Friday & Saturday*
- **Courses:**
 - **Spyglass Hill Golf Course** (Friday & Saturday) | **Par:** 72 | **Yardage:** 7,035
 - **Pebble Beach Golf Links** (Friday - Sunday) | **Par:** 72 | **Yardage:** 6,816
- **Overview:**
 - **Friday-Saturday:** One professional with one junior amateur and two amateurs in a team format (81 foursomes). All 81 groups will play one round at Pebble Beach and one round at Spyglass Hill. Three events will be scored: (1) Professional; (2) Pro-Junior (gross); and (3) Amateurs (foursome net best ball with juniors playing to their handicap, with a max of 6 for boys and 8 for girls). NOTE: Male amateurs and juniors will play from the white tees; female amateurs and juniors will play from the red tees.
 - **Cut:** Following Saturday's round, field is cut to low 50 PGA TOUR Champions professionals & ties; low 23 pro-junior teams; & low 10 amateur teams.
 - **Sunday (Pebble Beach only):** The low 50/ties professionals will join the low 23 pro-junior teams based on 36-hole scores in the final round at Pebble Beach. Starting times will be made based on the professionals' score in competition. The 10 lowest two-player amateur teams will also advance to Sunday's round and will be paired within the professional groupings.
 - **Ties:** Sudden death for PGA TOUR Champions professionals (playoff hole order: 18,18,17,18); Scorecard playoff for Junior/Ams (final round team score by hole going backwards from 18).

Field Overview (as of 10am, 9/22/21)

Entering its 18th year, the PURE Insurance Championship is a 54-hole event featuring 81 PGA TOUR Champions professionals, 81 First Tee juniors and 162 Amateurs. The 2021 tournament will be contested at Spyglass Hill Golf Course (Fri. & Sat.) and Pebble Beach Golf Links (Fri. & Sun.). Ranging in ages from 15 to 19, the First Tee participants compete for the Pro-Junior Team title. The teens represent 48 First Tee chapters from across the country and, for the first time in the tournament's history, a participant from an international First Tee chapter will be in the field (Morocco). Participants were selected by a national panel of judges based on their personal growth and life skills learned through First Tee's programs, as well as their playing ability.

- 5 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
 - **Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Bernhard Langer, Mark O'Meara, Vijay Singh**
- 60 PGA TOUR winners with 330 total career victories
- 52 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 224 total career victories
- 14 with a PGA TOUR major title
- 19 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title

Appleby's Arrival on PGA TOUR Champions

[Stuart Appleby](#) will make his PGA TOUR Champions debut this week at the PURE Insurance Championship after turning 50 on May 1.

A native of Australia, Appleby owns nine PGA TOUR titles, including three back-to-back victories at the calendar-opening Sentry Tournament of Champions in Maui, Hawaii (2004-2006). In 2010, during the final round of the inaugural Greenbrier Classic, Appleby became the fifth player in history to card a 59 in an official PGA TOUR event. Appleby owns 69 top-10s in 551 starts on the PGA TOUR and is currently ranked No. 44 in all-time money (\$29,828,521).

This will be the 25-year TOUR veteran's first start since the Puerto Rico Open (T49) in February 2019. Appleby made nine starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am with a best finish of T15 in 2011.

Fast Eddie's First Start

2018 Volvik Masters World Long Drive champion [Eddie Fernandes](#) will also make his PGA TOUR Champions debut this week at the PURE Insurance Championship. Playing on a sponsor exemption, Fernandes' holds the 2018 World Long Drive Tour season-long record for longest drive at 480 yards. He has made six World Long Drive Championship Open appearances and was the 2015 United States Senior Long Drive Champion.

Fernandes, who turns 51 on November 29, made just one professional start in a TOUR-sanctioned event, the 1992 Ben Hogan Connecticut Open on the Korn Ferry Tour (MC).

First-Timers at PURE

In addition to Appleby and Fernandes' Champions Tour debuts, several players will be making their first start at the PURE Insurance Championship including Appleby's fellow countrymen **Robert Allenby** and **John Senden**, as well as New Zealand's **Steven Alker** and Germany's **Alex Cejka**.

Past Winners at Pebble

Of the 81 players in this week's field, **John Cook** is the only player to have won both a PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions event at Pebble Beach Golf Links (2014 PURE Insurance Championship, 1981 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am). Two players in the field have each won the PURE Insurance Championship three times, **Kirk Triplett** (2019, 2013, 2012) and **Jeff Sluman** (2008, 2009, 2011).

- The field includes seven of the PURE Insurance Championship's 13 past champions:
 - **Kirk Triplett** (2019, 2013, 2012)
 - **Jeff Sluman** (2008, 2009, 2011)
 - **Ken Tanigawa** (2018)
 - **Bernhard Langer** (2017)
 - **Paul Broadhurst** (2016)
 - **Esteban Toledo** (2015)
 - **John Cook** (2014)
- Five players who have won a PGA TOUR event at Pebble Beach Golf Links:
 - **Mark O'Meara**: Five-time AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am winner (1985, 1989, 1990, 1992 and 1997)
 - **Vijay Singh**: 2004 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
 - **Steve Jones**: 1988 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
 - **Peter Jacobsen**: 1995 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am
 - **John Cook**: 1981 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

Players to Watch

- **Bernhard Langer**: Making his eighth appearance at the PURE Insurance Championship, the 2017 event winner holds both the tournament's 54-hole scoring record of 198 (2017) and a share of the 18-hole scoring record of 63 (R1, 2013). A five-time Charles Schwab Cup champion, Langer is currently No. 3 after one win (2020 Cologuard Classic), three runner-up and 20 top-10 finishes in 33 starts during the 2020-21 wraparound season. His 41 titles on the Champions Tour ranks as the second-most all-time wins and with a victory this week at the age of 64, he would become the oldest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history.
- **Jerry Kelly**: Entering 2020's final round four shots back, Kelly carded eight birdies en route to a 7-under 65 — Sunday's lowest score of the day — to force a playoff with Jim Furyk, who went on to win with a birdie on the first extra hole. It was the second runner-up finish at the event for Kelly, having finished solo second to Bernhard Langer in his 2017 debut. The 54-year-old from Wisconsin is a two-time winner this season (2020 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, 2021 American Family Insurance Championship) who has finished in the top 10 in 15 of his 31 starts this season.
- **Ernie Els**: World Golf Hall of Fame member Els was the 36-hole leader in his PURE Insurance Championship debut last year. After missing a 2-foot putt on the final hole, Els finished one stroke out of the playoff with Kelly and Furyk. In the opening round, Els aced the 205-yard 12th hole with a 6-iron en route to carding a bogey-free 7-under par 65. The South African is currently No. 4 in Charles Schwab Cup standings after two victories (2020 Hoag Classic and 2020 SAS Championship) and 15 top-10 finishes through 30 starts this season.

Ryder Cup Rivalries

While defending champion **Jim Furyk** is in Wisconsin this week serving as a vice captain to U.S. team leader **Steve Stricker**, 17 players in the PURE Insurance Championship field have experience at the biennial team competition.

Three players in the field have served as a Ryder Cup captain including **Bernhard Langer**, who led the European team to their largest margin of victory in history —18½ to 9½ points— at the 35th edition held at Oakland Hills Country Club in Michigan in 2004, along with former U.S. Captains **Tom Lehman** (2006) and **Corey Pavin** (2010).

- **Former United States Ryder Cup team members at PURE (14):**

- **Mark O'Meara (5):** 1985, 1989, 1991, 1997, 1999
 - **Mark Calcavecchia (4):** 1987, 1989, 1991, 2002
 - **Tom Lehman (4):** 1995, 1997, 1999, 2006 Captain
 - **Corey Pavin (4):** 1991, 1993, 1995, 2010 Captain
 - **Jeff Maggert (3):** 1995, 1997, 1999
 - **Jay Haas (3):** 1983, 1995, 2004
 - **Chris DiMarco (2):** 2004, 2006
 - **Peter Jacobsen (2):** 1985, 1995
 - **Lee Janzen (2):** 1993, 1997
 - **Steve Pate (2):** 1991, 1999
 - **John Cook (1):** 1993
 - **Fred Funk (1):** 2004
 - **Larry Mize (1):** 1987
 - **Jerry Pate (1):** 1981
- **Former European Ryder Cup team members at PURE (3):**
 - **Bernhard Langer (11):** 1981, 1983, 1985, 1987, 1989, 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997, 2002, 2004 Captain
 - **Jesper Parnevik (3):** 1997, 1999, 2002
 - **Paul Broadhurst (1):** 1991

International Flavor

This year's PURE Insurance Championship field features players from 11 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 (**Stephen Ames, Mike Weir**), England (**Paul Broadhurst**), Fiji (**Vijay Singh**), Germany (**Alex Cejka, Bernhard Langer**), Mexico (**Esteban Toledo**), South Africa (**Ernie Els, Retief Goosen and David Frost**), South Korea (**K.J. Choi**), Sweden (**Jesper Parnevik**) and Paraguay (**Carlos Franco**).

In addition to the 11 countries represented by PGA TOUR Champions players, the PURE Insurance Championship field— for the first time — also includes an international junior player, 17-year-old **Malik Laghjichi**, from Agadir, Morocco.

PURE Insurance Championship: By the Numbers

- **Best 18-hole score: 63**
 - Scott McCarron (R1, 2017)
 - Kenny Perry (R2, 2017)
 - Bernhard Langer (R1, 2013)
 - Craig Stadler (R2, 2004)
- **Tournament record: 198**
 - Bernhard Langer, 2017
- **Best come from behind: 6**
 - Jeff Sluman, 2009
- **Largest margin of victory: 5**
 - Jeff Sluman, 2008
- **Playoffs: 2**
 - 2020: Jim Furyk defeated Jerry Kelly with a birdie on the first playoff hole
 - 2019: Kirk Triplett defeated Billy Andrade with a birdie on the first playoff hole

- **Youngest winner:** Kirk Triplett (2012)
 - Kirk Triplett remains the event's youngest winner, claiming the first of his three PURE Insurance Championship titles in 2012 at 50 years, three months, nine days.
- **Oldest winner:** Gil Morgan (2008)
 - When Morgan won the 2008 event at the age of 60 years, 11 months and seven days, he became the 17th player age 60+ to earn a win on PGA TOUR Champions and the eighth-oldest winner ever on the circuit at the time.
- **Tournament money leader:** Kirk Triplett (\$1,104,328.57)

Race to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

With current Charles Schwab Cup leader **Jim Furyk** not in the field and a \$330,000 first-place check up for grabs, **Jerry Kelly**, **Bernhard Langer** and **Ernie Els** all have a chance at regaining the top spot.

After this week, just two tournaments remain in the regular season before the three-tournament Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs start at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic (October 18-24).

Players currently on the bubble entering the PURE Insurance Championship include No. 70 **Jeff Sluman** (\$231,240) and No. 71 **Larry Mize** (\$226,892). **Corey Pavin** is currently No. 73 and is \$481 behind 72nd-ranked **Scott Verplank** (not in the field), followed by No. 74 **Michael Allen** (\$202,500) and No. 75 **Fred Funk** (\$199,506).

Player	Money	Season Summary	Weeks at #1	Last Week
1. Jim Furyk	\$2,547,730	3 wins, 13 top-10 finishes in 21 starts	1	3 rd
2. Jerry Kelly	\$2,538,631	2 wins, 15 top-10 finishes in 31 starts	7	2 nd
3. Bernhard Langer	\$2,536,362	1 win, 20 top-10 finishes in 33 starts	16	1 st
4. Ernie Els	\$2,330,643	2 wins, 15 top-10 finishes in 30 starts	2	4 th
5. Miguel Angel Jimenez	\$2,188,098	2 wins, 13 top-10 finishes in 27 starts	2	5 th