



Regions Tradition

Greystone Golf & Country Club (Founders Course) | Birmingham, AL | May 3-9, 2021

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Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** Greystone Golf & Country Club (Founders Course)
- **Designed by:** Bob Cupp/Hubert Green (1991, 2015)
- **Purse:** \$2,500,000 (Winner: \$375,000)
- **Golf Channel Coverage:** Thursday & Friday, 10:00 a.m -1:00 p.m. CT; Saturday & Sunday, 2:00-4:30 p.m. CT
- **Quick Links:** [Tournament Field](#) | [Tee Times](#)
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@RegionsTrad](#)), Instagram ([@regionstradition](#)), [Facebook](#)

Field Overview (as of 5/5/21)

The first major championship of the PGA TOUR Champions 2021 calendar year has arrived, with the 33rd annual Regions Tradition at Greystone Golf and Country Club in Birmingham, Alabama. Defending champion **Steve Stricker** returns fresh after adding another title to his resume last month at the Chubb Classic in Naples, Florida. It was the sixth win on PGA TOUR Champions for the 2021 U.S. Ryder Cup captain.

Stricker is one of nine past Regions Tradition champions in the field including two-time winners **Bernhard Langer** (2016-17) and **Fred Funk** (2010, 2008), along with **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (2018), **Jeff Maggert** (2015), **Kenny Perry** (2014), **David Frost** (2013), **Loren Roberts** (2005) and **Tom Kite** (2000).

- 10 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
 - **Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Tom Kite, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Colin Montgomerie, Jose Maria Olazabal, Mark O'Meara, Vijay Singh and Ian Woosnam**
- 62 PGA TOUR winners with 360 total career victories
- 53 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 242 total career victories
- 23 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title; 19 with a PGA TOUR major title

2019 Recap: Stricker secures his first major title

After heavy rain delayed the completion of the final round until Monday, **Steve Stricker** closed with a bogey-free 68 and cruised to a six-shot victory at the 2019 event, earning his fourth win and first major title on PGA TOUR Champions. Stricker took control after a second-round 64, and he closed with rounds of 70-68 to finish at 18-under ahead of **Billy Andrade, Paul Goydos** and **David Toms**.

It was the fourth straight year the Regions Tradition champion won by at least three, and Stricker became the 15th player to make the Regions Tradition his first senior major victory.

First Timers in the Field

Fifteen PGA TOUR Champions players will make their Regions Tradition debut at this year's event including: **Shane Bertsch, Doug Barron, Alex Cejka, Ken Duke, Ernie Els, Matt Gogel, Tim Herron, Robert Karlsson, Stephen Leaney, Frank Lickliter II, Rod Pampling, Dicky Pride, Brett Quigley, John Senden and Mike Weir.**

- **Darren Clarke:** Clarke won back-to-back starts (2020 TimberTech Championship and 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai) and currently sits at No. 11 in Charles Schwab Cup standings. The Northern Ireland native's three PGA TOUR victories include the 2011 Open Championship at Royal St. George's Golf Club in Sandwich, England, site of this year's championship.
- **Robert Karlsson:** Karlsson has two runner-up finishes, most recently at last month's Chubb Classic, and eight top-10s through 16 starts. The Swede led the European Tour's Order of Merit in 2008 and was a two-time member of the European Ryder Cup team. An 11-time winner on the European Tour, Karlsson currently has 19 consecutive rounds of par or better.
- **Ernie Els:** It took Els just three starts to earn his first title on PGA TOUR Champions, the 2020 Hoag Classic in Newport Beach, California. In all, the South African native has finished inside the top 10 a total of 10 times and is currently third in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. He is a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame, a 19-time PGA TOUR winner and four-time PGA TOUR major winner.
- **Mike Weir:** After two runner-up finishes and six top-10s, Weir broke through and earned his first PGA TOUR Champions title at last week's rain-shortened Insuperity Invitational. The victory came in his 14th start, making him the fourth Canadian to win on PGA TOUR Champions (Stephen Ames, Rod Spittle, Dave Barr). The 2003 Masters champion has a total of eight PGA TOUR victories.

Alabama Ties

Dicky Pride, who grew up in Tuscaloosa and played golf at the University of Alabama, received a sponsor exemption and will make his first start at the event. Pride, who turned 50 and became PGA TOUR Champions eligible in 2019, was a longtime member of the PGA TOUR where he won the 1994 FedEx St. Jude Classic.

Pride will be joined by fellow University of Alabama alum **Spike McRoy**, who is making his second start at the Regions Tradition after finishing T43 in his 2019 debut. Other players with Alabama ties include Auburn University graduate **John Huston** and Mobile native **Glen Day**.

SEC Connections

A total of 14 players in this week's field attended a SEC school:

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| ▪ Auburn: John Huston | ▪ Univ. of Florida: Chris DiMarco, Scott Dunlap |
| ▪ LSU: David Toms | ▪ Univ. of Georgia: Scott Parel, Tommy Tolles |
| ▪ Texas A&M: Shane Bertsch, Jeff Maggert | ▪ Univ. of Kentucky: Russ Cochran, Steve Flesch |
| ▪ Univ. of Alabama: Spike McRoy, Dicky Pride | ▪ Univ. of South Carolina: Brett Quigley |
| ▪ Univ. of Arkansas: John Daly | |

Field Includes Seven Former Charles Schwab Cup Winners

Seven Charles Schwab Cup winners have qualified for the 2021 Regions Tradition. This list includes five-time winner **Bernhard Langer** (2010, '14, '15, '16, '18); two-time winners **Jay Haas** (2006, '08), **Loren Roberts** (2007, '09) and **Tom Lehman** (2011, '12); **Kenny Perry** (2013), **Kevin Sutherland** (2017) and **Scott McCarron** (2019).

Major Season Starts

The Regions Tradition is the first of five major championship on PGA TOUR Champions:

1. **Regions Tradition** | May 6-9 | Greystone Golf & Country Club (Birmingham, AL)
2. **KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship** | May 27-30 | Southern Hills CC (Tulsa, OK)
3. **Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship** | June 24-27 | Firestone CC (Akron, OH)
4. **U.S. Senior Open Championship** | July 8-11 | Omaha CC (Omaha, NE)
5. **The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex** | July 22-25 | Sunningdale GC – Old Course (Berkshire, England)

Greystone Stats

The Founders Course at Greystone Golf & Country Club, which hosted the Bruno's Memorial Classic from 1992 through 2005, returns as host for a fifth consecutive year. Originally designed by Bob Cupp and Alabama native Hubert Green, the course underwent renovations in 2015.

With a scoring average of 71.809, Greystone Golf & Country Club ranked as the 10th most difficult course on Tour in 2019, its lowest average in the past three years of the event.

| Year | R1 | R2 | R3 | R4 | Overall Average (Rank) |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------------|
| 2019 | 73.000 | 70.547 | 71.662 | 71.986 | 71.809 (10 th) |
| 2018 | 71.117 | 71.132 | 71.351 | 70.444 | 71.017 (16 th) |
| 2017 | 71.684 | 71.821 | 72.013 | 70.481 | 71.502 (9 th) |
| 2016 | 71.63 | 71.235 | 73.136 | 73.148 | 72.287 (9 th) |

Charles Schwab Cup Watch

With his T5 finish at last week's Insperity Invitational, five-time Charles Schwab Cup champion **Bernhard Langer** edged ahead of **Kevin Sutherland** to overtake the top spot in standings for the fourth separate occasion during the 2020-21 wraparound season. Should the two-time Regions Tradition winner claim a third title this week, his season earnings would surpass the \$2 million mark (\$2,086,205) for the 11th time.

| Player | Money | 2020-21 Season Highlights |
|---------------------|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Bernhard Langer | \$1,711,205 | Win at the 2020 Cologuard Classic; 14 top-10s |
| 2. Kevin Sutherland | \$1,665,507 | Two wins: 2020 Charles Schwab Cup Championship, 2021 Cologuard Classic; 12 top-10s |
| 3. Ernie Els | \$1,562,581 | Two wins: 2020 Hoag Classic, 2020 SAS Championship; ten top-10s |
| 4. Scott Parel | \$1,289,105 | Win at 2020 Chubb Classic; seven top-10s |
| 5. Jerry Kelly | \$1,277,346 | Win at 2020 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS; seven top-10s |