



The Ally Challenge

Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club | Grand Blanc, Michigan | August 27-29, 2021

Final-Round Notes

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Course Setup: Par 72 / 7,043 yards (R3: 71.280; Cumulative: 70.724)

Weather: Partly cloudy with highs in the high-80s and winds SW at 8-12 mph

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Summary: Starting the round one stroke behind the leaders, Joe Durant shot 4-under 68 to win The Ally Challenge by one stroke over Bernhard Langer. It marked Durant's fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions.

	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Charles Schwab Cup
1.	Joe Durant	-17	65-66-68 – 199	\$300,000	37th
2.	Bernhard Langer	-16	64-66-70 – 200	\$176,000	1st
3.	Steven Alker	-15	69-65-67 – 201	\$144,000	3rd
T4.	Steve Flesch	-14	67-71-64 – 202	\$98,000	21st
T4.	K.J. Choi	-14	65-71-66 – 202	\$98,000	36th
T4.	Doug Barron	-14	66-64-72 – 202	\$98,000	17th

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- [Final Standings](#)
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Joe Durant, 65-66-68 – 199 (-17)

- Durant birdied four of his first eight holes to shoot 4-under 32 on the front nine and played the back nine in even-par to post 68.
- Durant's 17-under 199 total sets an Ally Challenge 54-hole scoring record. It was one stroke better than the previous record (200, Jerry Kelly, 2019).
- This is the 57-year-old's fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions, and first since the 2018 Chubb Classic. He also won the 2016 3M Championship and 2015 Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge (with partner Billy Andrade).
- With the victory, Durant moves from No. 56 to No. 37 in Charles Schwab Cup standings (\$681,997).

- Making his 26th start of the season on PGA TOUR Champions, this was Durant's first top-10. His previous best finish in 2020-21 was T12 (2020 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai).
- In three previous starts at The Ally Challenge before this week, Durant's best finish was T14 (2020). His first-round 65 and second-round 66 this week were his two lowest scores at this event.
- A native of Pensacola, Florida, Durant won four times on the PGA TOUR, including a two-win season in 2001 that saw him earn Comeback Player of the Year title. His last victory on the PGA TOUR came at the 2006 FUNAI Classic at the Walt Disney World Resort.
- Durant made six appearances at the Buick Open at Warwick Hills. His best finish was third at 20-under in 2006, losing by four shots to **Tiger Woods**.
- With his victory, Durant earns a two-year exemption into the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.

Bernhard Langer, 64-66-70 – 200 (-16)

- Starting the day as a co-leader with Doug Barron, Langer shot 2-under 70 to finish one stroke behind Joe Durant.
- Langer's runner-up is his best finish of the 2021 calendar year on PGA TOUR Champions. He has one win (2020 Colouard Classic) and 19 top-10s in 31 starts during the 2020-21 season.
- Langer, a 41-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions (second-most all-time), would've become the oldest winner in Tour history with a victory. He turned 64 on Friday.
- Langer moves into the top spot of the Charles Schwab Cup standings for 15th week this season. Jerry Kelly had been No. 1 for seven consecutive weeks. Langer has won the Schwab Cup five times, most recently in 2018.
- This is Langer's best finish at The Ally Challenge in four appearances. He has finished in the top 10 each time: T8 (2018), T7 (2019) and T7 (2020).
- This is Langer's 38th runner-up finish all-time on PGA TOUR Champions. He has finished first or second on 79 occasions in 286 starts (27.6%).

Other Notes

- **Steven Alker** led the field in greens in regulation for the week (49/54) en route to a third-place finish. The New Zealand native earned a spot in the next event, the Ascension Charity Classic in St. Louis, Missouri (Sept. 6-12) for his top-10 finish. It extends his streak of gained entries to three:
 - Ascension Charity Classic (via third-place at The Ally Challenge)
 - The Ally Challenge (via T7 at the Boeing Classic)
 - Boeing Classic (via Monday qualifying)
- **Steve Flesch** carded a bogey-free 8-under 64 for the low round of the day and matched the low round of the week. His T4 finish was his fifth consecutive top-15.
- On the 555-yard, par-5 No. 16, three-time Buick Open champion **Vijay Singh** dunked his second shot from 250 yards to make albatross and finished T7.
- Three Michigan natives are in the field this week, here is where they finished:
 - **George Bowman** – 82nd (+18)
 - **Tom Gillis** – T52 (-2)
 - **Scott Hebert** – T56 (-1)
- The field included 10 players who won the Buick Open when it was played at Warwick Hills.
 - **Woody Austin** – 9th (-12)
 - **Dan Forsman** – 80th (+10)
 - **Jim Furyk** – T10 (-10)
 - **Tom Pernice Jr.** – T64 (+1)
 - **Kenny Perry** – T39 (-4)
 - **Billy Mayfair** – T15 (-9)

- **Rocco Mediate** – 38th (-5)
- **Larry Mize** – T30 (-6)
- **Vijay Singh** – T7 (-13)
- **Scott Verplank** – 81st (+11)