



The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex

Sunningdale Golf Club (Old Course) | Berkshire, England | July 22 – 25, 2021

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QUICK FACTS

- **Golf Course:** Sunningdale Golf Club (Old Course)
- **Par:** 70; **Yardage:** 6,618
- **Designed by:** Willie Park, Jr. (1900)
- **Purse:** \$2,000,000 (Winner: \$314,330)
- **TV Coverage (Golf Channel):**
 - Thursday: 7:00-9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET
 - Friday: 7:00-9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. ET
 - Saturday: 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET
 - Sunday: 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ET
- **Quick Links:** [Tournament Field](#) | [Tee Times](#)
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@EULegendsTour](#)), Instagram ([@EULegendsTour](#)), Facebook ([@EULegendsTour](#))

FIELD OVERVIEW (AS OF 7/21/21)

PGA TOUR Champions travels over the pond to play The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex at the iconic Sunningdale Golf Club in Berkshire, England for the sixth and final major of the 2020-21 wraparound season. The Old Course will host its third Senior Open and first since 2015. The field includes six World Golf Hall of Fame members, four Senior Open champions and five winners of The Open, including **Darren Clarke** (2011) and **Ernie Els** (2002, 2012), who played in The 2021 Open.

- 6 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
 - (Ernie Els, Bernhard Langer, Sandy Lyle, Colin Montgomerie, Jose Maria Olazabal, Ian Woosnam)
- 34 PGA TOUR winners with 127 total career victories
- 26 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 138 total career victories
- 14 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title
- 14 with a PGA TOUR major title

2019 RECAP: ONE MORE FOR LANGER

Trailing by three at the start of the final round, **Bernhard Langer** (-6) shot a final-round 66 to win his fourth Senior Open title and a Tour-record 11th senior major. **Paul Broadhurst** (-4) started the final round with a three-stroke lead before

carding only one birdie and eventually finished runner-up to Langer. Retief Goosen and **Tim Petrovic** shared third-place honors at 3-under 277.

NO. SIX OF SIX

This week's tournament marks the final major of the 2020-21 wraparound season. Due to the modified season, there are six majors instead of the regular-season five – Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship was played in 2020 and 2021. **Jerry Kelly** secured the first major win at the 2020 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship followed by **Alex Cejka** winning back-to-back majors at the 2021 Regions Tradition and the 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. Steve Stricker won the fourth major at the 2021 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship and in mid-July, **Jim Furyk** captured the 2021 U.S. Senior Open Championship.

LANGER LOVES THE SENIOR MAJORS

Bernhard Langer's record in senior majors is truly exceptional. His 11 victories are the most all-time, and he is the only player to win all five majors and complete the "Senior Slam."

The 2019 Senior Open was Langer's 40th win, second-most in PGA TOUR Champions history, and he became the third player to win the same major four times (2010, 2014, 2017, 2019). In Langer's first three wins at The Senior Open, he was the 54-hole leader each time and led by three (2010), four (2017) and eight (2014). Making his 12th appearance at The Senior Open, Langer has four wins, three runners-up and 11 top-10 finishes. His worst finish was T12 in 2011.

Most Wins at One Tournament on PGA TOUR Champions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Tournament</u>
Hale Irwin	6	Turtle Bay Championship
Bernhard Langer	4	The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex*
Bernhard Langer	4	Inspirity Invitational
Hale Irwin	4	Senior PGA Championship*
Jack Nicklaus	4	Regions Tradition*

*-denotes major championship

Langer has 44 top-10s in 61 senior majors and recently finished T5 after shooting 1-under 279 at the U.S. Senior Open. Currently at No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, Langer has spent 11 weeks at the No. 1 spot during the 2020-21 wraparound season.

FURYK'S ON FIRE

In his rookie season, **Jim Furyk** continues to heat up the competition wherever he goes. In his 16 starts this season, he has posted 10 top-10s while never finishing outside of the top 20. He won his first two starts (2020 The Ally Challenge, 2020 PURE Insurance Championship) and was the first player to reach three wins this season when he took home the U.S. Senior Open two weeks ago. With his victory, he moved into No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

While on the PGA TOUR, Furyk appeared in 22 Open Championships between 1996-2019, posting six top-10s. His best finish was fourth in 1997, 2006 and 2014.

Furyk will play in his fourth senior major this week at The Senior Open. Furyk's previous finishes were first (2021 U.S. Senior Open), sixth (2021 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship) and T16 (2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship).

FINISH STRONG

Charles Schwab Cup Leader **Jerry Kelly** has finished five out of six majors this season in the top 10 including a win at the 2020 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship and runner-up at that event in 2021. In 26 starts this season, he has recorded two wins (2020 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, 2021 American Family Insurance Championship), two runners-up and 13 top-10 finishes.

In Kelly's three appearances at The Senior Open, he has not recorded a top-10 finish (T29, 2019; T14, 2018; T45, 2017).

10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Ten years ago, **Darren Clarke** claimed his only major victory at The Open at Royal St. George's. Clarke posted a three-shot win over Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson. Clarke played in The Open this year and shot 6-over 146 and missed the cut.

In his third season on PGA TOUR Champions, Clarke has played in 50 events and posted nine top-10s. He is currently No. 14 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings after winning two tournaments this season (2020 TimberTech Championship, 2021 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai).

FIRST TIMER

Robert Allenby will make his 50-and-over tournament debut this week at The Senior Open Championship, after he coincidentally made his first professional golf appearance at the 1991 Open Championship. Allenby celebrated his 50th birthday on July 12, qualifying just in time for this tournament.

The Australian has recorded four PGA TOUR victories (2000 Shell Houston Open, 2000 Advil Western Open, 2001 Nissan Open, 2001 Marconi Pennsylvania), 18 international wins and 70 top-10 finishes since joining the PGA TOUR.

Other notable rookies making their first Senior Open appearance include **Tim Herron**, **Jim Furyk**, **Alex Cejka**, **Matt Gogel** and **Rich Beem**.

FROM THE OPEN TO THE SENIOR OPEN

Several familiar winners are scheduled to play this week including five past Open champions, capturing wins from 1985 – 2012 including **Ernie Els** (2002, 2012), **Darren Clarke** (2011), **Paul Lawrie** (1999), **Tom Lehman** (1996) and **Sandy Lyle** (1985). Els is the all-time money leader at The Open with \$5.86 million.

There are also four Senior Open champions playing this week including four-time winner **Bernhard Langer** (2010, 2014, 2017, 2019) **Miguel Angel Jiménez** (2018), **Paul Broadhurst** (2016) and **Russ Cochran** (2011). Bob Charles, Gary Player and Tom Watson are the only three players with wins at both The Open and The Senior Open.

WELCOME BACK TO THE OLD COURSE

The last time The Senior Open was held at the Old Course at Sunningdale Golf Club, Marco Dawson beat **Bernhard Langer** by one stroke in 2015. The first time it was played at Sunningdale, Loren Roberts won a playoff over Fred Funk and Mark McNulty in 2009.

A total of 32 players in the field also played in The 2015 Senior Open at Sunningdale Golf Club and 11 out of the 32 also played in the 2009 tournament. The Old Course at Sunningdale Golf Club becomes the fourth course to host this event twice.

Played in 2009 and 2015	2009 Finish	2015 Finish
Roger Chapman	W/D	MC

Russ Cochran	T19	T31
Nick Faldo	T38	MC
Marc Farry	MC	79
Peter Fowler	MC	T9
Mark James	T43	MC
Bernhard Langer	4	2
Tom Lehman	T58	T22
Sandy Lyle	T13	T51
Jeff Sluman	24	T9
Christopher Williams	T28	T72

Several Senior Open records have been set or tied at the Old Course during the past two appearances in 2009 and 2015:

- **2009**
 - Best Round 1 Score: Fred Funk, 64
 - Best Round 3 Score: Greg Norman and Larry Mize, 64
 - Best Round 4 Score: Mark McNulty, 64
 - Best 36 holes: Fred Funk 129
- **2015**
 - Best Round 4 Score: **Bernhard Langer** and Marco Dawson, 64
 - Low Finish by a Winner: Marco Dawson, 64
 - Low Start by a Winner: Marco Dawson, 65
 - Largest 18 Hole Lead: Fred Funk, 2

OVERSEAS MONDAY QUALIFIER

On Monday, June 21, a qualifying event for The Senior Open was held at the Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio to help accommodate players due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. This was the first time in the tournament's history it hosted a qualifying event overseas. Nine players qualified from this event. A total of 56 players progressed through Monday Qualifying in England on Monday, July 19. In total, 393 players attempted to qualify for The Senior Open.

KELLY STAYS STRONG IN CHARLES SCHWAB CUP STANDINGS

Jerry Kelly continues to occupy the top spot in the [Charles Schwab Cup standings](#) for the fourth consecutive week following his win at the American Family Insurance Championship in June. With **Jim Furyk's** win at the U.S. Senior Open, he climbed six spots to No. 2 on the standings causing **Ernie Els** (No. 3) and **Bernhard Langer** (No. 4) to each drop one spot. Retief Goosen climbed one spot to fifth.

This week's top-five includes three World Golf Hall of Fame members, and the group has combined for nine PGA TOUR major wins, 49 PGA TOUR victories, 135 International wins and 55 PGA TOUR Champions wins. In just this season alone, these five players have recorded eight wins, 10 runner-up finishes and two senior major victories.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Money</u>	<u>2020-21 Season</u>
1. Jerry Kelly	\$2,287,461	2 wins, 13 top-10s
2. Jim Furyk	\$2,211,130	3 wins, 10 top-10s
3. Ernie Els	\$2,168,329	2 wins, 13 top-10s
4. Bernhard Langer	\$2,120,303	1 win, 17 top-10s
5. Retief Goosen	\$1,971,919	12 top-10s

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

The 144-player field includes four past champions with seven combined Senior Open titles: **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (2018), **Bernhard Langer** (2010, 2014, 2017, 2019), **Paul Broadhurst** (2016) and **Russ Cochran** (2011).

2019	Bernhard Langer	2002	Noboru Sugai
2018	Miguel Angel Jiménez	2001	Ian Stanley
2017	Bernhard Langer	2000	Christy O'Connor
2016	Paul Broadhurst	1999	Christy O'Connor
2015	Marco Dawson	1998	Brian Huggett
2014	Bernhard Langer	1997	Gary Player
2013	Mark Wiebe*	1996	Brian Barnes
2012	Fred Couples	1995	Brian Barnes
2011	Russ Cochran	1994	Tom Wargo
2010	Bernhard Langer	1993	Bob Charles
2009	Loren Roberts*	1992	John Fourie
2008	Bruce Vaughan*	1991	Bobby Verwey
2007	Tom Watson	1990	Gary Player
2006	Loren Roberts*	1989	Bob Charles
2005	Tom Watson*	1988	Gary Player
2004	Pete Oakley	1987	Neil Coles
2003	Tom Watson*		

**-denotes won in a playoff*

Note: All winners of The Senior Open are credited with official victories. For the tournaments held 1987-2002, the champion is the only result the PGA TOUR considers official (i.e. – players are not credited with a made cut).