



U.S. Senior Open Championship

Omaha Country Club | Omaha, Nebraska | July 8-11, 2021

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Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** Omaha Country Club
- **Par:** 70; **Yardage:** 6,891
- **Designed by:** Perry Maxwell (1926)
- **Purse:** \$4,000,000 (Winner: \$720,000)
- **TV Coverage (All Times Eastern):**
 - Thursday: Peacock (Noon-1:00 p.m.), Golf Channel (1:00-3:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Friday: Peacock (Noon-1:00 p.m.), Golf Channel (1:00-3:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Saturday: Peacock (3:00-4:00 p.m.), Golf Channel (4:00-8:00 p.m.)
 - Sunday: Peacock (3:00-4:00 p.m.), Golf Channel (4:00-8:00 p.m.)
- **Quick Links:** [Tournament Field](#) | [Tee Times](#)
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@USGA](#)), Instagram ([@USGA](#)), Facebook ([U.S. Senior Open](#))

Field Overview (as of 7/7/21)

PGA TOUR Champions heads to the Midwest for the fourth major of the 2021 calendar year, as 156 players will tee it up for the 41st U.S. Senior Open. The 72-hole event, which runs Thursday to Sunday, features one of the strongest fields of the season, including nine of the top 10 players in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. Omaha Country Club in Omaha, Nebraska will host the event for the second time after Kenny Perry won the title in 2013.

- 8 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
 - (Fred Couples, Ernie Els, Retief Goosen, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara, Jose Maria Olazabal, Vijay Singh)
- 56 PGA TOUR winners with 306 total career victories
- 50 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 237 total career victories
- 23 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title
- 16 with a PGA TOUR major title

2019 Recap

Steve Stricker posted 19-under at the Warren Course en route to a six-stroke victory at the 40th U.S. Senior Open. He set the championship's 72-hole scoring record (261) after matching the 18-hole record (62) and setting the 36- (126) and 54-hole (192) records for the event. **Jerry Kelly** and 2018 champion **David Toms** shared runner-up honors at 13-under.

Cejka Looks to Start 3-for-3 in Majors

Alex Cejka enters the week with a chance to win his third consecutive major after he missed the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship in June. Cejka won the Regions Tradition and KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship earlier this year in his first two major starts on PGA TOUR Champions.

The last player to win three consecutive major starts was **Kenny Perry** (2013 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, 2013 U.S. Senior Open, 2014 Regions Tradition). The last to win three majors in the same season was **Bernhard Langer** (2017 Regions Tradition, 2017 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, 2017 The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex).

Kelly Has the Hot Hand

With top-two finishes in his last two starts, Charles Schwab Cup leader **Jerry Kelly** looks to continue his form this week in Omaha and capture a second major title on PGA TOUR Champions. Kelly finished second at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship in his last start after winning the American Family Insurance Championship two weeks prior. He has finished in the top eight in six of his last seven starts on PGA TOUR Champions.

Kelly, making his fourth U.S. Senior Open appearance, has back-to-back runner-up finishes at this event (T2, 2019; T2, 2018). In his debut at the U.S. Senior Open in 2017, Kelly finished T12.

Since joining PGA TOUR Champions in 2017, Kelly has eight victories, winning at least once in each of his four seasons. In 92 starts, he has finished in the top three on 23 occasions (25%) and in the top 10 on 47 occasions (51%).

Omaha! Omaha!

The U.S. Senior Open returns to Omaha Country Club for the first time since 2013 when **Kenny Perry** hoisted the trophy. Perry fired 7-under 63 in the final round en route to a 13-under total for the week and finished five strokes ahead of runner-up **Fred Funk**. **Rocco Mediate** and **Corey Pavin** finished T3 at 7-under and 54-hole leader Michael Allen finished fifth at 6-under.

A total of 23 players in this week's field also played in the 2013 U.S. Senior Open. Omaha Country Club becomes the seventh course to host this event twice.

Past Champions in the Field

Two-time U.S. Senior Open champion **Kenny Perry** (2013, 2017) is one of 10 past champions in this week's field, along with **David Toms** (2018), **Gene Sauers** (2016), **Jeff Maggert** (2015), **Colin Montgomerie** (2014), **Roger Chapman** (2012), **Olin Browne** (2011), **Bernhard Langer** (2010), **Fred Funk** (2009) and **Brad Bryant** (2007).

This group is among the 25 USGA champions in the field, which includes five U.S. Open champions. Two-time U.S. Open winners **Ernie Els** (1994, 1997), **Retief Goosen** (2001, 2004) and **Lee Janzen** (1993, 1998) will tee it up this week, along with 2003 champion **Jim Furyk** and 1995 champion **Corey Pavin**.

72 Players Making U.S. Senior Open Debuts

With his win at last week's DICK'S Sporting Goods Open, **Cameron Beckman** earned a spot into this week's U.S. Senior Open. He is one of 72 players making their U.S. Senior Open debut this week, along with notables **Rich Beem**, **Alex Cejka**, **Ernie Els**, **Jim Furyk**, **Robert Karlsson**, **Jose Maria Olazabal** and **Mike Weir**.

Major Stretch Continues in July

After this week's U.S. Senior Open, PGA TOUR Champions returns to action in two weeks at The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex in Berkshire, England. The Senior Open will be the fifth and final major of the 2021

calendar year. The Regions Tradition (May 6-9) began a stretch of all five majors in a 12-week span. The KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (May 27-30) and Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship (June 24-27) were the second and third majors contested in 2021.

Going for the Hat Trick

Nine players have two wins during the 2020-21 season, but each of them is looking to become the first three-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions this season. Seven of them are in the field this week: **Alex Cejka, Darren Clarke, Ernie Els, Jim Furyk, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Jerry Kelly** and **Kevin Sutherland**. The other players with two wins this season are Phil Mickelson and Steve Stricker.

Trend of First-Time Winners Continues

Cameron Beckman became the 10th first-time winner this season on PGA TOUR Champions when he hoisted the trophy on Sunday at the DICK's Sporting Goods Open. That total matches 2001 for the second-most first-time winners in a single season. The record of 11 first-time winners was set in 1999.

In addition to Beckman, the other first-time winners on PGA TOUR Champions in 2020-21 are **Ernie Els, Jim Furyk**, Phil Mickelson, **Mike Weir, Alex Cejka, Dicky Pride, Darren Clarke, Brett Quigley** and **Shane Bertsch**.

<u>Season</u>	<u>First-Time Winners</u>
1999	11
2020-21	10
2001	10
1992	9

Charles Schwab Cup Update

Jerry Kelly remained atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings for the third consecutive week, as the top five was unchanged. **Ernie Els** represents the No. 2 position after finishing runner-up at the DICK's Sporting Goods Open over the weekend. **Bernhard Langer** sits in the No. 3 spot, while **Kevin Sutherland** (No. 4) and **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (No. 5) round out the top five.

<u>Player</u>	<u>Money</u>	<u>2020-21 Notes</u>
1. Jerry Kelly	\$2,191,667	Two wins; top-10s in six of last seven starts
2. Ernie Els	\$2,115,079	Two wins; 13 top-10s in 24 starts; back-to-back top-five finishes
3. Bernhard Langer	\$1,969,912	Won 2020 Cologuard Classic; 16 top-10s in 26 starts
4. Kevin Sutherland	\$1,769,912	Two wins; top-10s in three of last five starts
5. Miguel Angel Jimenez	\$1,734,004	Two wins; Top-three finishes in two of last three starts