

# 2022 BRIDGESTONE SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP: PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES

July 4-10 • PGA TOUR Champions

Akron, Ohio • Firestone Country Club (South Course) • Par 70 • 7,248 yards

Purse: \$3,000,000 • Winner's Share: \$450,000

80 players • 72-hole event

Defending champion: Steve Stricker



CHAMPIONS



TV Schedule: Thursday/Friday: 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. • Saturday: Noon - 4:00 p.m. • Sunday: Noon - 3:00 p.m.

## CHARLES SCHWAB CUP LEADERS

Top-10 Standings Entering  
Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS

Pos.	Player	Money
1	Steven Alker	\$2,017,615
2	Miguel Angel Jiménez	\$1,330,415
3	Padraig Harrington	\$1,259,583
4	Steve Stricker	\$1,140,700
5	Bernhard Langer	\$951,776
6	Jerry Kelly	\$942,808
7	Stephen Ames	\$861,209
8	Retief Goosen	\$838,089
9	Thongchai Jaidee	\$685,619
10	Ernie Els	\$610,972



## 2022 SEASON WINNERS

### PGA TOUR Champions Regular Season

Mitsubishi Electric Champ. at Hualalai.....	Miguel Angel Jimenez
Chubb Classic.....	Bernhard Langer
Coloquard Classic.....	Miguel Angel Jimenez
Hoag Classic.....	Retief Goosen
Rapiscan Systems Classic.....	Steven Alker
ClubCorp Classic.....	Scott Parel
Insperty Invitational.....	Steven Alker
Mitsubishi Electric Classic.....	Steve Flesch
Regions Tradition.....	Steve Stricker
KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.....	Steven Alker
Principal Charity Classic.....	Jerry Kelly
American Family Insurance Champ.....	Thongchai Jaidee
U.S. Senior Open.....	Padraig Harrington
Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS.....	July 4-10 (Akron, OH)
Senior Open Champ.....	July 18-24 (Scotland)
Shaw Charity Classic.....	Aug. 1-7 (Calgary, Canada)
Boeing Classic.....	Aug. 8-14 (Shoquahmie, WA)
DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.....	Aug. 15-21 (Endicott, NY)
The Ally Challenge.....	Aug. 22-28 (Grand Blanc, MI)
Ascension Charity Classic.....	Sept. 5-11 (St. Louis, MO)
Sanford International.....	Sept. 12-18 (Sioux Falls, SD)
PURE Insurance Champ.....	Sept. 19-25 (Pebble Beach, CA)
Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS.....	Oct. 3-9 (Jacksonville, FL)
SAS Championship.....	Oct. 10-16 (Cary, NC)

### Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

Dominion Energy Charity Classic.....	Oct. 17-23 (Richmond, VA)
TimberTech Champ.....	Oct. 31-Nov. 6 (Boca Raton, FL)
Charles Schwab Cup Champ.....	Nov. 7-13 (Phoenix, AZ)

## PGA TOUR COMMUNICATIONS

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## STORYLINES - BRIDGESTONE SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

**Tournament Preview:** After a week off, PGA TOUR Champions opens the month of July at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio. **Steve Stricker** returns to the famed South Course to defend his title fresh off a runner-up finish at the U.S. Senior Open two weeks ago. The field also includes Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steven Alker**, making his tournament debut, and three-time Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS winner **Bernhard Langer** - the last player to successfully defend his title at this event. This marks the fourth of five PGA TOUR Champions majors this season. It is the 40th playing of the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS and 69th consecutive year of Firestone Country Club hosting a professional golf tournament.

**Players to Watch:** **Justin Leonard**, a 12-time PGA Tour winner who turned 50 on June 15, will be making his PGA TOUR Champions debut. World Golf Hall of Famer **Davis Love III** will also be making his Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS debut, 30 years after winning the 1992 PLAYERS Championship.

## SCORING RECORDS - BRIDGESTONE SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	62	3 times; last: Retief Goosen (Round 2)	2019
Low 36-hole score	128	Fred Couples	2013
Low 54-hole score	195	2 times; last: Bernhard Langer	2014
Low 72-hole score	261	2 times; last: Kenny Perry	2013
Holes-in-one	19	Last: Jerry Kelly (No. 12, Round 4)	2020
Largest 18-hole lead	4	Steve Stricker	2021
Largest 36-hole lead	5	2 times; last: Steve Stricker	2021
Largest 54-hole lead	8	Bernhard Langer	2015
Largest margin of victory	11	Arnold Palmer	1985
Largest come from behind win	6	2 times; last: Scott McCarron	2017
Playoffs	6		
Wire-to-wire winners	2	Last: Bernhard Langer	2015
Successful title defenses		Bernhard Langer (2015, 2016); Arnold Palmer (1985)	

## PAST CHAMPIONS - BRIDGESTONE SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

<b>2021</b> Steve Stricker	2007 Loren Roberts	1993 Jim Colbert
<b>2020</b> Jerry Kelly	2006 Bobby Wadkins	1992 Dave Stockton
<b>2019</b> Retief Goosen	2005 Peter Jacobsen	1991 Jim Albus
<b>2018</b> Vijay Singh*	2004 Mark James	1990 Jack Nicklaus
<b>2017</b> Scott McCarron	2003 Craig Stadler	1989 Orville Moody
<b>2016</b> Bernhard Langer	2002 Stewart Ginn	1988 Billy Casper
<b>2015</b> Bernhard Langer	2001 Allen Doyle*	1987 Gary Player
<b>2014</b> Bernhard Langer*	2000 Raymond Floyd	1986 Chi Chi Rodriguez
2013 Kenny Perry	1999 Hale Irwin	1985 Arnold Palmer
2012 Joe Daley	1998 Gil Morgan	1984 Arnold Palmer
2011 Fred Couples*	1997 Larry Gilbert	1983 Miller Barber
2010 Mark O'Meara*	1996 Raymond Floyd	
<b>2009</b> Jay Haas	1995 J.C. Snead*	
2008 D.A. Weibring	1994 Dave Stockton	

*bold denotes player in 2022 field*  
*\* denotes player won in a playoff*

## STRENGTH OF FIELD - BRIDGESTONE SENIOR PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

### Six (6) World Golf Hall of Fame members

- Ernie Els
- Retief Goosen
- Bernhard Langer
- Davis Love III
- Colin Montgomerie
- Vijay Singh



### Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS by the Numbers (as of 7/6):

- PGA TOUR Major Winners.....15
- Champions Tour Major Winners.....24
- PGA TOUR Winners.....60
- Combined PGA TOUR Titles.....350
- Champions Tour Winners.....55
- Combined Champions Tour Titles.....249
- Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS champions.....7

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