

# 2022 HOAG CLASSIC: PRE-TOURNAMENT NOTES

February 28 - March 6 • PGA TOUR Champions

Newport Beach, CA • Newport Beach Country Club • Par 71 • 6,612 yards

Purse: \$2,000,000 • Winner's Share: \$300,000

80 players • 54-hole event

Defending champion (2020): Ernie Els

📺 **GOLF Friday:** 6 - 8 p.m. ET • **Saturday:** 5 - 7 p.m. ET • **Sunday:** 4:30 - 7 p.m. ET



## CHAMPIONS



### CHARLES SCHWAB CUP LEADERS

#### Top-10 Standings Entering Hoag Classic

Pos.	Player	Money
1	Miguel Angel Jiménez	\$668,795
2	Bernhard Langer	\$436,500
3	Steven Alker	\$279,927
4	Jerry Kelly	\$210,295
5	Retief Goosen	\$200,130
6	Tim Petrovic	\$185,613
7	Scott Parel	\$178,195
8	David Toms	\$170,400
9	Woody Austin	\$162,667
10	Stephen Ames	\$147,586



### 2022 SEASON WINNERS

#### PGA TOUR Champions Regular Season

Mitsubishi Electric Champ. at Hualalai	Miguel Angel Jimenez
Chubb Classic	Bernhard Langer
Cologuard Classic	Miguel Angel Jimenez
Hoag Classic	Feb. 28-Mar. 6 (Newport Beach, CA)
Rapiscan Systems Classic	Mar. 28-Apr. 3 (Biloxi, MS)
ClubCorp Classic	Apr. 18-24 (Irving, TX)
Inspire Invitational	Apr. 25-May 1 (Houston, TX)
Mitsubishi Electric Classic	May 2-8 (Duluth, GA)
Regions Tradition	May 9-15 (Birmingham, AL)
KitchenAid Senior PGA Champ.	May 23-29 (Benton Harbor, MI)
Principal Charity Classic	May 30-June 5 (Des Moines, IA)
American Family Insurance Champ.	June 6-12 (Madison, WI)
U.S. Senior Open Champ.	June 20-26 (Bethlehem, PA)
Senior Open Champ.	July 18-24 (Scotland)
Shaw Charity Classic	Aug. 1-7 (Calgary, Canada)
Boeing Classic	Aug. 8-14 (Snoqualmie, 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)

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### STORYLINES - HOAG CLASSIC

**Tournament Preview:** PGA TOUR Champions returns to Newport Beach Country Club in Newport Beach, California after missing the 2021 tournament due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Newport Beach Country Club will host the tournament for the 26th time, with a field of 80 players including local favorite and two-time tournament winner **Fred Couples** (2010, 2014) along with defending champion (2020) **Ernie Els**. Charles Schwab Cup leader **Miguel Angel Jimenez** and 2008 Hoag Classic champion **Bernhard Langer** are both in the field after combining to win the first three events of the 2022 season.

**Miguel's Magic:** Charles Schwab Cup leader **Miguel Angel Jimenez** captured his second win of the season at last week's Cologuard Classic. He won the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai in January, and with his two wins, he becomes the first player since 2006 (Loren Roberts) to win two of the first three events of the season on PGA TOUR Champions. Jimenez also carded two aces (No. 7/Round 1, No. 14/Round 3) during last weekend's event.

**Defending Champ Els Returns:** 2020 Hoag Classic champion **Ernie Els** returns to Newport Beach Country Club, the site of his first PGA TOUR Champions win in 2020. The two-time Champions Tour winner and World Golf Hall of Fame member finished in the top 10 in his first two starts this season. Els finished the 2020-21 season No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.

**Players to Watch:** 2008 Hoag Classic champion and No. 2 in Charles Schwab Cup Standings **Bernhard Langer** and 2019 runner-up **Woody Austin** finished T2 at last week's Cologuard Classic. No. 3 **Steven Alker** will make his Hoag Classic debut after finishing in the top 10 in 11 of his first 13 tournaments on PGA TOUR Champions. Making his fourth tournament appearance, **Jerry Kelly** enters the week No. 4 in Charles Schwab Cup standings and finished in the top-10 twice in three starts including a fourth-place finish last week.

### STRENGTH OF FIELD - HOAG CLASSIC

#### Eight (8) World Golf Hall of Fame members:

- Ernie Els
- Fred Couples
- Retief Goosen
- Bernhard Langer
- Sandy Lyle
- Colin Montgomerie
- Jose Maria Olazabal
- Vijay Singh



#### Hoag Classic by the Numbers (as of 3/2):

PGA TOUR Major Winners	20
Champions Tour Major Winners	22
PGA TOUR Winners	55
Combined PGA TOUR Titles	339
Champions Tour Winners	51
Combined Champions Tour Titles	254
Past Hoag Classic champions	8

### SCORING RECORDS - HOAG CLASSIC

Category	Value	Player	Year
Low 18-hole score	60	3 players, most recent: Duffy Waldorf (R2)	2017
Low 36-hole score	127	2 players, most recent: Jay Haas	2017
Low 54-hole score	193	Duffy Waldorf	2017
Holes-in-one	6	Most recent: Cliff Kresge (R3, No. 8)	2021
Largest 18-hole lead	5	Nice Price	2015
Largest 36-hole lead	5	2 players, most recent: Jay Haas	2017
Largest margin of victory	5	2 players, most recent: David Frost	2019
Largest come from behind win	5	2 players, most recent: Jose Maria Canizares	2020
Playoffs	6		
Wire-to-wire winners	2	2 players, most recent: David Frost	
Successful title defenses	None		

### PAST CHAMPIONS - HOAG CLASSIC

2020	<b>Ernie Els</b>	2010	<b>Fred Couples</b>	2001	Jose Maria Canizares
2019	<b>Kirk Triplett</b>	2009	Eduardo Romero	2000	Allen Doyle
2018	<b>Vijay Singh</b>	2008	<b>Bernhard Langer</b>	1999	Gary McCord
2016	<b>Jay Haas</b>	2007	<b>Jay Haas</b>	1998	Hale Irwin
2015	<b>Duffy Waldorf</b>	2006	Brad Bryant	1997	Bob Murphy
2014	<b>Fred Couples</b>	2005	Mark W. Johnson	1996	Jim Colbert
2013	<b>David Frost</b>	2004	Tom Purtzer	1995	George Archer
2012	Loren Roberts	2003	Rodger Davis		
2011	Nick Price	2002	Hale Irwin		

*bold denotes player in 2022 field*

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