2026 Simmons Bank Championship presented by Stephens

Final-Round Notes
Sunday, November 1, 2026
Pleasant Valley Country Club | Little Rock, Arkansas
27th of 28 PGA Tour Champions events in the 2026 Season
2nd of 3 events in the 2026 Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,089 yards
- **Round 3 Scoring Average**: 69.334
- **Cumulative Scoring Average**: 69.418
- **Weather:** Cloudy. High of 76. Winds E at 4-8 mph.
- **Interviews:** Transcripts | Content Hub
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- Charles Schwab Cup Standings

	Player	To Par	Scores	Schwab Cup Standings Start	Schwab Cup Standings Projected
1	Darren Fichardt	-22	69-61-64—194	46th	17th
2	Zach Johnson	-21	64-67-64—195	2nd	2nd
3	Jerry Kelly	-14	68-67-67—202	16th	13th

Things to Know
- PGA Tour Champions rookie **Darren Fichardt** sinks walk-off eagle putt, cards final-round 8-under 64, and earns his first PGA Tour Champions title with a one-stroke victory over six-time PGA Tour Champions winner **Zach Johnson** at the Simmons Bank Championship presented by Stephens.

Darren Fichardt, 69-61-64 – 194 (-22)
Charles Schwab Cup standings – Start: 46th / Projected: 17th
- The 51-year-old rookie earns his first PGA Tour Champions win in his 15th start.
- Earns PGA Tour Champions status through the end of the 2027 season, and a spot in both the 2027 and 2028 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- Previously earned spots in PGA Tour Champions events in 2026 via four open qualifiers and two top-10 finishes in open full-field events.
- Becomes the first player to eagle the final hole of regulation and win since Justin Leonard at the 2025 Dominion Energy Charity Classic.
- Totals 22-under 194, breaking the 54-hole tournament scoring record for the three years of Pleasant Vally Country Club hosting the Simmons Bank Championship (previous: 196/Steven Alker/2025).
- Converts his first 36-hole lead/co-lead in a PGA Tour Champions event into victory.
- Becomes the seventh first-time winner of the 2026 season.
    - Zach Johnson (James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational)
    - Boo Weekley (The Insperity)
    - Scott Hend (Trophy Hassan II)
    - Ben Crane (American Family Insurance Championship) – team event with partner Darren Clarke
    - Vaughn Taylor (Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS)
    - Rory Sabbatini (Stifel Charity Classic)
- Becomes the eighth player from South Africa to win on PGA Tour Champions (Hugh Baiocchi, John Bland, Ernie Els, Davis Frost, Retief Goosen, Simon Hobday, Gary Player), and the second such winner this season (Retief Goosen/Mitsubishi Electric Classic)
- Previously carded a bogey-free 11-under 61 in the second round, tying the lowest 18-hole score of the 2026 season (others: Steven Alker/Rogers Charity Classic/Round 2; Mark Wilson, Rogers Charity Classic/Round 2)

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- Two-time winner on the Staysure Legends Tour with victories at the 2025 Vattanac Legends Championship Legacy Edition and 2026 Staysure PGA Seniors Championship.
- Finished No. 4 on the 2025 Staysure Legends Tour Order of Merit and was named the 2025 Staysure Legends Tour Rookie of the Year.
- Five-time winner on the DP World Tour, with his most recent title being the 2017 Joburg Open.

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs Implications

The Top 36 players in the standings qualify for the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, and three players moved in and out of the Top 36 at the Simmons Bank Championship presented by Stephens.

	Player	To Par	Schwab Cup Standings	
			Start	Projected
1st	Darren Fichardt	-22	46th	17th – IN
T7	Ricardo Gonzalez	-12	40th	31st – IN
T10	Bo Van Pelt	-11	38th	34th – IN
T21	Mario Tiziani	-8	34th	37th – OUT
T29	Greg Chalmers	-6	36th	39th – OUT
51st	Jason Caron	+3	33rd	38th – OUT

Other Notes

- **Zach Johnson** (2nd/-21), who leads PGA Tour Champions with six wins this season, remains No. 2 in the 2026 Charles Schwab Cup standings after his 11th top-three finish of the season (six wins, two runners-up, three third-place finishes).
- Nine-time PGA Tour Champions winner and 2025 Charles Schwab Cup champion **Stewart Cink** (T10/-11) is bidding to become the first player to lead the Charles Schwab Cup standings every week of the season since the Charles Schwab Cup began in 2001.
- 14-time PGA Tour Champions winner **Jerry Kelly** (3rd/-14) closes in 5-under 67 for his third top-three finish of the season (ISPS HANDA Senior Open/Won; Rogers Charity Classic/T3)
- PGA Tour Champions winner **Ricardo Gonzalez** (T7/-12) earns his third consecutive Charles Schwab Cup Championship berth.
- In his second season on PGA Tour Champions, 51-year-old **Bo Van Pelt** (T10/-11) earns his first Charles Schwab Cup Championship berth.