



Insperity Invitational

The Woodlands Country Club | The Woodlands, Texas | May 3-5, 2019

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Quick Facts

- **Golf Course:** The Woodlands Country Club (Tournament Course), Par 72 / 7,002 yards
- **Designed by:** Robert Von Hagge / Bruce Devlin (1978)
- **Purse:** \$2,200,000 (winner: \$330,000)
- **Golf Channel Coverage (all times ET):** Friday: 12-2 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 3-6 p.m.
- **Social Media:** Twitter ([@InsperityInvtnl](https://twitter.com/InsperityInvtnl)), Instagram ([@insperityinvitational](https://www.instagram.com/insperityinvitational)), [Facebook](#)

Field Overview (as of 4/30/19)

PGA TOUR Champions travels to The Woodlands, Texas, for the 16th-annual Insperity Invitational. Four-time tournament winner **Bernhard Langer** headlines a 78-player field that includes eight past champions and nine members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. **Tom Watson** will play in the Insperity Invitational for the first time since 2009, while players making their tournament debuts include **Vijay Singh**, **Retief Goosen**, **Jose Maria Olazabal** and **Darren Clarke**. All nine of the year's winners are in the field, including last week's victorious team of **Tom Pernice Jr.** and **Scott Hoch**.

- 33 of the top 36 players in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- 9 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame (including Retief Goosen, who will be inducted in June)
- 63 PGA TOUR winners with 396 total career victories
- 55 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 280 total career victories
- 24 players with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory; 20 with a PGA TOUR major

2018 Recap: Langer Wins Wire-to-Wire

Bernhard Langer saved par on the 54th hole to win wire-to-wire and claim his fourth victory at the 2018 Insperity Invitational. After opening with a 9-under 63, Langer carded weekend rounds of 72-70 to close out a one-shot victory over **Paul Goydos**, **Bart Bryant** and **Jeff Maggert**. It marked the fourth time in Tour history that a player won the same tournament four times or more, as Langer joined Jack Nicklaus (4, Regions Tradition) and Hale Irwin (6, Turtle Bay Championship; 4, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship) as the only players to accomplish the feat.

Langer Feels at Home in The Woodlands

The Insuperity Invitational is one of 10 tournaments Langer has won more than once, and two of his seven career wire-to-wire victories have come in The Woodlands. Should he win the Insuperity Invitational again this year, it would be the fifth time Langer has won as a tournament's defending champion (2007 and 2008 Insuperity Invitational; 2014, 2015 and 2016 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship; 2016 and 2017 Regions Tradition).

A year after winning his fifth Charles Schwab Cup, Langer has posted four top-five finishes in five starts this season, including a win at the Oasis Championship, and he's currently No. 3 in the standings.

- No. 1 on the Tour's all-time money list (current total: \$27,422,137)
- 13 straight seasons with a victory (Tour record)
- 39 wins (second-most in Tour history)
- Six wins at age 60 or older (Tour record)
- He has won 16.38 percent of his starts (39 wins in 238 starts), or one win every 6.10 starts
- Since 2008 (his first full season on Tour), he has led the Charles Schwab Cup 133 of 291 weeks (45.70%), including five weeks this season

Langer pre-tournament interview: 12 p.m. Wednesday (media center)

Major Champions Make Tournament Debut

Six players with major championship victories will play in the Insuperity Invitational for the first time. The list includes World Golf Hall of Fame members **Vijay Singh**, **Jose Maria Olazabal** and 2019 inductee **Retief Goosen**; 2003 PGA Championship winner **Shaun Micheel**; and Open Championship winners **Darren Clarke** and **Paul Lawrie**, who will make his PGA TOUR Champions debut.

Since turning 50 on February 3, Goosen has three top-25 finishes in five starts, including a T6 showing at the Chubb Classic, and he is currently 53rd in the Charles Schwab Cup. Last week, he teamed up with Mark McNulty and finished T17 at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge.

Goosen pre-tournament interview: 10:30 a.m. Thursday (media center)

McCarron a Marked Man

Scott McCarron has climbed his way to the top of the Charles Schwab Cup with five top-five finishes this season, including a victory at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic. Since 2016, his first full season on Tour, McCarron has nine wins and more than \$6.9 million in winnings. Those figures are second only to Bernhard Langer, who has 14 titles and over \$9.5 million in winnings since 2016.

With his win at TPC Sugarloaf, **Scott McCarron** became the third player to lead this year's [Charles Schwab Cup standings](#). The last three years, he has finished fourth (2016), third (2017) and second (2018) in the season-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup.

Triplett on a Tear

Since March, **Kirk Triplett** has been in position to win nearly every week, as he has three T2 finishes and one win in his last five starts. Last week, he and Paul Broadhurst finished T2 in their bid to defend their title at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge. In individual competition, he finished T2 at the Cologuard Classic and Mitsubishi Electric Classic, and he won with an eagle on the first playoff hole at the Hoag Classic. In this span, he has improved from No. 25 to No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup, and he starts the week with \$653,191, just \$13,677 behind McCarron's lead.

Past Champions in the Field

The 78-player field includes eight past champions that account for 11 Insperity Invitational titles. Three players won at Augusta Pines Golf Club in Spring, Texas – **Mark McNulty** in 2005, **Jay Haas** in 2006 and **Bernhard Langer** in 2007, the first of his four titles. The other five past champions are **John Daly** (2017), **Jesper Parnevik** (2016), **Ian Woosnam** (2015), **Esteban Toledo** (2013) and **Fred Funk** (2012).

Year	Champion	Score	To Par
2018	Bernhard Langer	205	-11
2017	John Daly	202	-14
2016	Jesper Parnevik	204	-12
2015	Ian Woosnam*	205	-11
2014	Bernhard Langer	205	-11
2013	Esteban Toledo*	210	-6
2012	Fred Funk	202	-14
2011	Brad Faxon	134	-10
2010	Fred Couples	199	-17
2009	John Cook	205	-11
2008	Bernhard Langer	204	-12
2007	Bernhard Langer	191	-25
2006	Jay Haas	128	-16
2005	Mark McNulty	200	-16
2004	Larry Nelson*	202	-14

*Playoff

By the Numbers: The Woodlands Country Club

Last year's scoring average of 71.463 (-0.537) was the lowest in tournament history and it was under par for only the fourth time since the tournament moved to The Woodlands Country Club in 2008. Overall, it ranked as the 12th-toughest course on Tour in 2018.

- Easiest hole (2018): No. 15 (par 5, 521 yards) – 4.546 average, 5 eagles, 103 birdies
- Hardest hole (2018): No. 14 (par 3, 190 yards) – 3.210 average, 25 birdies, 40 bogeys, 14 double bogeys or worse

	R1	R2	R3	Total
2018	70.500	72.364	71.568	71.463
2017	72.582	71.500	71.818	71.970
2016	73.203	72.857	73.067	73.043
2015	71.772	71.823	73.532	72.376
2014	72.759	73.618	74.267	73.535
2013	75.778	74.444	73.684	74.643
2012	71.901	72.038	71.886	71.941
2011	72.241	72.064	-	72.153
2010	73.818	71.853	71.878	72.531
2009	71.909	72.831	72.922	72.551
2008	71.434	71.253	73.230	71.965

PGA TOUR Champions – 2019 Season Overview

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

The 2019 Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs will begin with 72 players at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic (Oct. 14-20). The top 54 will advance to the Invesco QQQ Championship (Oct. 28 - Nov. 3), and the season will conclude with the top 36 players at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship (Nov. 4-10), where they will compete for the Charles Schwab Cup.

At the start of the Playoffs, each player's regular-season money total will become the equivalent number of points (e.g. \$330,000 equals 330,000 points). During the three Playoffs events, each dollar earned is worth two points, and those points will be added to a player's regular-season point total. After the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, the top 54 players will advance, and after the Invesco QQQ Championship, the top 36 players will qualify for the season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship. The player with the most points at the conclusion of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship will win the Charles Schwab Cup.

The 2019 Rookie Class

For players to become eligible to compete for PGA TOUR Champions events they must turn 50 years of age by the first competition round. If a player plays less than six tournaments in his first season of eligibility, he is considered a rookie the following season. Newcomers for 2019 with at least one PGA TOUR win include:

- Shaun Micheel (January 5, 1969)
- Retief Goosen (February 3, 1969)
- Frank Lickliter, II (July 28, 1969)
- Shigeki Maruyama (September 12, 1969)
- Angel Cabrera (September 12, 1969)
- Rod Pampling (September 23, 1969)

Upcoming rookie classes include:

- **2020** – Ernie Els (October 17, 1969), Tim Herron (February 6, 1970), Jim Furyk (May 12, 1970), Mike Weir (May 12, 1970), K.J. Choi (May 19, 1970), Phil Mickelson (June 16, 1970)
- **2021** – John Senden (April 20, 1971), Stuart Appleby (May 1, 1971), Robert Allenby (July 12, 1971), Pdraig Harrington (August 31, 1971)
- **2022** – David Duval (November 9, 1971), Brian Gay (December 14, 1971), Y.E. Yang (January 15, 1972), Justin Leonard (June 15, 1972), Notah Begay II (September 14, 1972)

2019 Schedule

The 2019 schedule features 27 official tournaments in Canada, Japan, Scotland and 19 states, with prize money totaling nearly \$58 million. After the 24-event Regular Season, the fourth-annual Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs will determine the winner of the season-long race for the Charles Schwab Cup.

1. **Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai:** Tom Lehman closed with a 7-under 65 to erase a four-shot deficit and win the season-opener with a 17-under total. Lehman topped David Toms, who opened with rounds of 65-65 and led by four at the start of the final round. He maintained a three-shot cushion through 12 but was 1-over on his last six holes, including a three-putt bogey on No. 18, and fell one shot shy of Lehman's winning total.
2. **Oasis Championship:** Bernhard Langer became the tournament's first repeat champion, winning with a tournament-record score of 19-under 197. His five-stroke victory over Marco Dawson is the largest margin in the Oasis Championship's 13-year history. With the win, he surpassed Hale Irwin and became No. 1 on the Tour's all-time money list.
3. **Chubb Classic:** Miguel Angel Jimenez defeated Bernhard Langer and Olin Browne on the first playoff hole to secure his seventh career victory Sunday at the Chubb Classic. Jimenez posted the day's only bogey-free round, a 5-under 66, and played the last 39 holes (38 regulation, 1 playoff) of the tournament bogey free.

4. **Cologuard Classic:** Mark O'Meara ended an eight-year winless drought when he won the Cologuard Classic by closing with a 7-under 66 for a four-shot victory. At 8 years, 4 months and 21 days, it is the second-longest gap between victories on Tour. The 62-year-old became the fourth-oldest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history.
5. **Hoag Classic:** Kirk Triplett defeated Woody Austin on the second playoff hole when he made a 12-foot eagle putt to claim his seventh victory on PGA TOUR Champions. It was Triplett's second playoff in his career, improving his record to 2-0.
6. **Rapiscan Systems Classic:** Kevin Sutherland birdied the seventh playoff hole Monday morning and defeated Scott Parel to win the Rapiscan Systems Classic. Sutherland led by three after 36 holes, but a 3-over 75 on Sunday left him tied at 7-under with Parel, who erased a six-shot deficit with a final-round 69. The two players played five extra holes Sunday evening before play was suspended due to darkness.
7. **Mitsubishi Electric Classic:** Scott McCarron posted his ninth win on PGA TOUR Champions and third victory at TPC Sugarloaf, as he won the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in wire-to-wire fashion at TPC Sugarloaf, site of two of his PGA TOUR victories. McCarron was the only player to card three rounds under par (68-70-71) and his 7-under total was two shots better than Joe Durant, Jerry Kelly, Kirk Triplett and Kent Jones.
8. **Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge:** Scott Hoch and Tom Pernice Jr. opened the final round with a hole-in-one on the first hole and won with a tournament-record total of 23-under. At 63 years, 5 months and 4 days, Hoch became the oldest player to win on PGA TOUR Champions.
9. Insperity Invitational
10. Regions Tradition
11. KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
12. Principal Charity Classic
13. Mastercard Japan Championship
14. American Family Insurance Championship
15. U.S. Senior Open Championship
16. Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship
17. The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex
18. DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
19. Boeing Classic
20. Shaw Charity Classic
21. The Ally Challenge
22. Sanford International
23. PURE Insurance Championship
24. SAS Championship
25. Dominion Energy Charity Classic
26. Invesco QQQ Championship
27. Charles Schwab Cup Championship