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# World Golf Hall of Fame members Padraig Harrington and Bernhard Langer join fellow major champions John Daly and Steven Alker, the defending Charles Schwab Cup champion, to strengthen world-class field at The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren

**GRAND BLANC, Mich.** – Tournament officials announced today that The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren has accepted the commitments of World Golf Hall of Fame members Padraig Harrington and Bernhard Langer to compete in the eighth edition of the official PGA TOUR Champions event the week of August 18-24 at Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc, Mich.

Joining Harrington and Langer in this year's field are fellow major championship winners John Daly and Steven Alker, the defending and two-time Charles Schwab Cup champion.

Tickets for The Ally Challenge can be purchased by visiting the tournament website (<a href="theallychallenge.com">theally Challenge</a> is open to spectators from Thursday (August 21) to Sunday (August 24) and ticket prices start at \$15. Children 17 and under receive free grounds access with a ticketed adult. For a complete listing of ticket options please <a href="CLICK HERE">CLICK HERE</a>.

Harrington, 53, has recorded 59 PGA TOUR Champions starts since making his debut in 2021 at Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS. He won his first senior title eight starts later at the 2022 U.S. Senior Open Championship. Harrington went on that season to collect a total of 13 top-10 finishes, including four wins and four runner-up efforts, and a second-place ranking in the Schwab Cup standings with more than \$3.2 million in earnings. The native of Dublin, Ireland has finished inside the top-25 in 86% of his PGA TOUR Champions starts and now boasts 11 career wins. His two victories this season have come in major fashion, including his second U.S. Senior Open victory at the Broadmoor Golf Club in Colorado and the ISPS HANDA Senior Open title last month at the Old Course at Sunningdale in Berkshire, England. 2025 marks Harrington's fourth straight PGA TOUR Champions multi-win season. Harrington is currently ranked No. 4 in the Schwab Cup standings and will make his third appearance at The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren next week. He finished T-4 in 2022 for his best outing at Warwick Hills. On the PGA TOUR, Harrington has captured six wins, most notably The Open Championship in 2007 and 2008 and the PGA Championship in 2008. He has been a member of seven European Ryder Cup teams, six as a player (1999, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010) and once as Captain in 2021.

Langer, 67, became the oldest U.S. Senior Open champion and set the record for most PGA TOUR Champions wins (46) with a two-stroke triumph over 2022 The Ally Challenge winner Steve Stricker in 2023 at SentryWorld in Stevens Point, Wis. Langer's historic victory was his 12th senior major since joining PGA TOUR Champions in 2007. This will be the eighth start at The Ally Challenge for the two-time Masters champion. He has recorded six top-10 finishes at Warwick Hills, his best effort in 2021 with a solo second

place finish, one stroke behind winner Joe Durant. He finished T-5 last year and ended his 2024 campaign with his 47<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR Champions title with a victory at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. Langer has recorded at least one PGA TOUR Champions win each season since he made his senior debut. His tournament scoring average is 68.67 to go with earnings of \$511,066.66. This season Langer has recorded nine top-25 finishes over 14 events, including four top-10s and is ranked No. 23 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. The Germany native was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2002 and is ranked first on the PGA TOUR Champions career money list with \$37,953,322 in earnings.

Daly, a two-time major champion, recorded musician and one of the most recognizable figures in golf, will make his sixth start at The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren. While on the PGA TOUR, Daly won five times, highlighted by the 1991 PGA Championship and the 1995 Open Championship. Daly had a breakthrough season in only his second year on PGA TOUR Champions in 2017 with three top-10 finishes and his first senior victory at the Insperity Invitational, the same tournament where he made his debut in May of 2016. The 59-year-old California native's best The Ally Challenge finish was T25 in 2021 and he holds a scoring average of 72.13 at Warwick Hills.

Alker, 54, made his PGA TOUR Champions debut in 2021 and recorded the first of his nine senior wins in his ninth start that season at the TimberTech Championship. He has earned at least one victory each year since, including four wins in 2022—the Senior PGA Championship counted among them—and his first Charles Schwab Cup title. The New Zealand native has been a model of consistence on TOUR, finishing in the top-25 in 94% of his career starts. Alker is coming off a 2024 campaign that consisted of 21 out of 22 starts resulting in a top-25 finish, with 16 in the top-10 and a second Schwab Cup trophy. He is currently ranked No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings with 11 top-10s, including a win at the Cologuard Classic and two runners-up efforts. Alker returns to Warwick Hills next week where his best finish is third place in 2021 and his tournament scoring average is 68.67 to go with earnings of \$219,088.57.

The Ally Challenge is a Regular Season PGA TOUR Champions event in 2025, which will give way to the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs—a season-ending, three-tournament series used to determine the TOUR's season-long champion. The 2025 PGA TOUR Champions schedule features 28 events and will conclude with the Charles Schwab Cup Championship in Phoenix, Arizona. The 2025 Season will have players competing for more than \$69 million in total prize money, the highest in PGA TOUR Champions' 45-season history.

All three rounds of The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren will be broadcast on Golf Channel.

Since its inception in 2018, The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren has donated nearly \$8.4 million to support charity.

For more information about The Ally Challenge, please visit www.theallychallenge.com. For the latest Ally Challenge news and updates on social media follow the tournament on Twitter and Instagram at @AllyChallenge and on Facebook at Facebook.com/AllyChallenge.

# About The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren

The Ally Challenge presented by McLaren is an official event on the PGA TOUR Champions owned and operated by Tournaments for Charity, a Michigan non-profit corporation. This 54-hole stroke play golf tournament features 78 PGA TOUR Champions professionals competing for a \$2.2 million purse at the historic Warwick Hills Golf & Country Club in Grand Blanc, MI. The event is designed to showcase the best golf on the PGA TOUR Champions for the enjoyment of spectators and to benefit local charities in the greater Flint area. All three official rounds will be internationally televised on the Golf Channel.

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