**2022 Charles Schwab Challenge Message Document**

**Things to know about the 2022 Charles Schwab Challenge**

1. **TOUR Legacy:** From the Tartan Jacket awarded to the winner to the famed track and its “Horrible Horseshoe” stretch on the front nine to the Ben Hogan statue adjacent to the stately Colonial Country Club clubhouse, tradition and history make up the fabric of the Charles Schwab Challenge. The Wall of Champions on the first tee dating back to 1946 includes the likes of Hogan, Palmer, Snead, Nicklaus, Trevino, Watson all who won at Colonial Country Club making it the longest running PGA TOUR tournament held at its original venue (non-major).
2. **Let’s keep it going:** Following Sunday’s exciting conclusion of the PGA Championship, Justin Thomas, Will Zalatoris and Mito Pereira are among seven players in the field who finished in the top 10 in last week’s PGA Championship.
	* Players who finished in the top 10 at the PGA Championship: Justin Thomas/Won, Will Zalatoris/P2, Mito Pereira/T3, Tommy Fleetwood/T5, Chris Kirk/T5, Abraham Ancer/T9 and Tom Hoge/T9
	* Seven of the top-15 players in the Official World Golf Ranking led by World No.1 and FedExCup leader Scottie Scheffler, No. 4 Collin Morikawa and No. 5 Thomas
	* Defending champion Jason Kokrak (No. 29/FedExCup) is among the 17 players in the top 30 of the FedExCup standings set to compete, including multiple winners this season Scheffler, Sam Burns and Max Homa.
	* Thomas made his tournament debut at the Charles Schwab Challenge in 2020 when the event was the first tournament played following the suspension of the season due to COVID-19. Since then, he has been back every year – finishing T10 in 2020 and T40 in 2021. He enters the 2022 event days removed from his second major victory (2017, 2022 PGA Championship) and 15th career PGA TOUR win.
	* With Thomas in the field this week, it marks the second time (2021/Phil Mickelson) the PGA Championship winner played in the following week’s Charles Schwab Challenge. The PGA Championship moved to May in 2019; aside from 2020, the Charles Schwab Challenge has since been played the week after.
3. **Texas-sized season:** The 2021-22 PGA TOUR Season has been a BIG year for PGA TOUR members from Texas.
	* **Scottie Scheffler:** Dallas native and University of Texas alum Scottie Scheffler won his first four PGA TOUR titles in a span of six starts, including his first major championship title, winning the WM Phoenix Open, Arnold Palmer Invitational presented by Mastercard, WGC-Dell Technologies Match Play and Masters Tournament. A missed cut at the PGA Championship marks his second missed cut of the season and first of the calendar year. He will make his third start in the Charles Schwab Challenge (MC/2021, T55/2020).
	* **Will Zalatoris**: The reigning PGA TOUR Rookie of the Year enters the week after earning his fifth top-10 in his eighth major championship start. The PGA Championship playoff marked the Dallas native’s second playoff appearance of the season (2022 Farmers Insurance Open).
	* **Jordan Spieth**: In his last three TOUR starts, Spieth earned his 13th career PGA TOUR title (RBC Heritage), finished runner-up (AT&T Byron Nelson) and finished T34 in the PGA Championship. The 2016 Charles Schwab Challenge winner has 16 top-10s in the state of Texas since 2013, the most of any player in that time span.
	* **Tom Hoge:** Tom Hoge, who hails from Fargo, North Dakota, but lives in Fort Worth after playing college golf at TCU, returns to the Charles Schwab Challenge as a PGA TOUR winner having won the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-am in February for his maiden win. Hoge finished T9 at the PGA Championship, his first career top-10 in a major.
4. **East Bound and Down:** A tournament tradition since 2019, the winner of the Charles Schwab Challenge will receive a fully renovated, customized vintage car. In 2022, the champion will drive off in a 1979 Schwab Firebird. Champions Kevin Na (2019) and Jason Kokrak (2022) received a 1973 Dodge Challenger and 1979 Dodge Power Wagon truck, respectively. Inspired by the 1979 Schwab Firebird, country music star Jake Owen is paying homage to the movie that made the Firebird famous with a new recording of “East Bound and Down,” the theme song from Smokey and the Bandit.
5. **Ben Hogan Award**: The Ben Hogan Award presented by PNC Bank annually recognizes the outstanding male amateur and collegiate golfer of the year, and since 2002, the presentation has been held during tournament week at Colonial Country Club. Beginning in 2005, the Charles Schwab Challenge has invited The Ben Hogan Award recipient to compete in the next year’s championship. John Pak, recipient of the 2021 Ben Hogan Award, will make his 11th TOUR start this week. The Florida State alum finished first in the inaugural PGA TOUR University Velocity Global Ranking. In total, there are 10 Ben Hogan Award winners in the field.
	* John Pak, Florida State (2021)
	* Sahith Theegala, Pepperdine (2020)
	* Viktor Hovland, Oklahoma State (2019)
	* Doug Ghim, Texas (2018)
	* Maverick McNealy, Stanford (2017)
	* Patrick Rodgers, Stanford (2014)
	* Nick Taylor, Washington (2010)
	* Rickie Fowler, Oklahoma State (2008)
	* Chris Kirk, Georgia (2007)
	* Bill Haas, Wake Forest (2004)
6. **Top of the world:** The top six players in the Official World Golf Ranking currently hold golf’s six most coveted trophies.
	* No. 1 Scottie Scheffler, Masters (2022)
	* No. 2 Jon Rahm, U.S. Open (2021)
	* No. 3 Cameron Smith, THE PLAYERS (2022)
	* No. 4 Collin Morikawa, The Open (2021)
	* No. 5 Justin Thomas, PGA Championship (2022)
	* No. 6 Patrick Cantlay, FedExCup (2021)