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Patrick Cantlay Wins the 2022 BMW Championship at Wilmington Country Club to Become First Repeat Winner.

Cantlay defends his title with a 14-under-par performance at penultimate event of the PGA TOUR FedExCup Playoffs.

BMW Championship Week Kicked Off with Annual Gardner Heidrick Pro-Am, Benefitting the Evans Scholars Foundation.

Wilmington, DE – August 21, 2022... BMW congratulates Patrick Cantlay on winning the 2022 BMW Championship today at Wilmington Country Club in Wilmington, Delaware, becoming the first golfer to repeat as tournament champion. The reigning FedExCup winner shot a final-round 69 to finish the week 14-under-par, winning the event by one stroke.

Cantlay entered Sunday atop a leaderboard filled with major champions but fell behind by two strokes during the round. His composure and world-class shot making propelled him back into the lead when he birdied the 17th hole, and he had a short par putt to seal the tournament on the final hole. With the win, Cantlay also became the first player to successfully defend a title at a FedExCup Playoffs event, doing so in front of a sold-out crowd at Delaware's first PGA TOUR event.

"Thanks to everyone who made this such a special experience," Cantlay said. "The fans and volunteers were amazing, and this golf course provided great theater. There was great energy all week."

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Internet bmwusanews.com Ilka Horstmeier, BMW Group Member of the Board of Management, was joined by Western Golf Association Chairman Joe Desch, Tournament Chairman Tom Humphrey and Wilmington Country Club President Melissa Riegel to present Cantlay with the BMW Championship and J.K. Wadley trophies.

"Congratulations to Patrick Cantlay for defending his title and becoming the first player to win the BMW Championship in consecutive years," said Horstmeier. "It has been a fantastic tournament week at a fantastic venue with great fans. Many thanks to the Wilmington Country Club, volunteers and everyone involved. In addition to hosting a great tournament, we are especially proud to know that the BMW Championship makes a difference in the lives of so many young people."

All proceeds from the BMW Championship benefit the Evans Scholars Foundation, which provides full college scholarships to hardworking, young caddies with financial need and strong academic records. Since 2007, BMW has contributed more than \$40 million to the Evans Scholars Foundation. For the upcoming school year, a record 1,100 Evans Scholars will attend 22 leading universities nationwide.

Earlier today, Viktor Hovland recorded a hole-in-one on the par-3 2nd hole, resulting in BMW's donation of the sixth BMW Championship Hole-in-One Evans Scholarship. The full, four-year tuition and housing scholarship worth \$125,000 will be awarded to an Evans Scholar in Hovland's name later this year.

On Wednesday, the annual BMW Championship Gardner Heidrick Pro-Am kicked off tournament week. A star-studded field including two-time NBA champion and North Carolina A&T golfer J.R. Smith, former NFL All-Pro receiver and fashion icon Victor Cruz and BMW Motorsport racing driver Connor De Phillippi joined PGA TOUR players in the largest fundraising event for the Evans Scholars Foundation.

Cantlay will look to become a three-peat champion when the BMW Championship returns to Chicago from August 14-20, 2023, at Olympia Fields Country Club. Future tournament venues include Castle Pines Golf Club in Colorado, in 2024, Caves Valley Golf Club in Maryland in 2025 and Bellerive Country Club in Missouri in 2026.

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About the BMW Championship

The BMW Championship dates back to 1899 when it debuted as the Western Open, making it the third-oldest tournament on the PGA TOUR schedule, behind only the British Open and U.S. Open. BMW has sponsored the tournament since 2007 when it became the penultimate event of the PGA TOUR's FedExCup Playoffs. The BMW Championship features a field of the top 70 players in the FedExCup standings to determine the final 30 players for the FedExCup final at the TOUR Championship in Atlanta. Since 2007, the BMW Championship has contributed more than \$40 million to the Evans Scholars Foundation, the event's charitable beneficiary. To learn more, visit bmwchampionship.com.

About the Western Golf Association

The Western Golf Association conducts six national golf championships and sponsors the nationally acclaimed Evans Scholars Foundation. Headquartered in Glenview, Illinois, the organization was founded in 1899 by 11 Chicago-area golf clubs to promote their interests in golf. In addition to the BMW Championship on the PGA TOUR and the NV5 Invitational presented by Old National Bank on the Korn Ferry Tour, the WGA conducts four prestigious amateur championships: the Western Amateur, the Western Junior, and the Women's Western Golf Association's Amateur and Junior championships.

About the Evans Scholars Foundation

Established by the WGA and famed amateur golfer Charles Chick Evans Jr., the Evans Scholars Foundation provides full housing and tuition scholarships to high-achieving caddies across the country. Currently, a record 1,100 caddies are enrolled in 22 universities across the nation as Evans Scholars. The Program, which is supported by the WGA, is funded by contributions from more than 33,500 Par Club members, including Evans Scholars Alumni, as well as proceeds from the BMW Championship. Since the Program's inception in 1930, more than 11,800 caddies nationwide have graduated as Evans Scholars. To learn more, visit <u>wgaesf.org</u>.

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