



**2009 50<sup>th</sup> Bob Hope Classic hosted by Arnold Palmer**  
(The third of 37 events in the PGA TOUR Regular Season)

<b>La Quinta, CA</b>	<b>January 21-25, 2009</b>	<b>FedExCup Points: 500</b>	<b>Purse: \$5,100,000</b>
<b>Arnold Palmer Private/PGA West; La Quinta, CA</b>		<b>Par/Yards: 72/6,930</b>	
<b>Jack Nicklaus Private/PGA West; La Quinta, CA</b>		<b>Par/Yards: 72/6,951</b>	
<b>Bermuda Dunes CC; Bermuda Dunes, CA</b>		<b>Par/Yards: 72/6,962</b>	
<b>Palmer Course at SilverRock Resort, La Quinta, CA</b>		<b>Par/Yards: 72/7,553</b>	

## Third-Round Notes – Friday, January 23, 2009

*Weather: Mix of sun and clouds. Winds – light. High temperature of 78.*

Playing in his 198<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR event, Pat Perez has held the third-round lead once in his TOUR career. In that event, Perez finished second at the 2002 AT&T Pebble Beach.

Pat Perez stands at 25-under 191 after the third round, which is his 600<sup>th</sup> career round on TOUR. Perez's previous low 54 hole total was a 198 set at the 2004 Valero Texas Open

Perez is looking for his first TOUR victory and has a pair of second-place finishes, which both came in 2002.

Steve Stricker matched the previous tournament record with a 54 hole total of 193 held by Joe Durant (2001) and Joe Ogilvie (2005), but it was broken later in the day by Pat Perez who finished with a 191.

Playing in the 1,103<sup>rd</sup> round of his PGA TOUR career and the 339<sup>th</sup> tournament, Steve Stricker set a career low round with a 61 on the Palmer Private course. Stricker seems to prefer the desert as his previous low rounds came at the 2001 Phoenix Open and 2003 Phoenix Open.

Stricker's previous career low 54 hole total was 198 at the 2007 BMW Championship and the 1998 U.S. Bank Championship.

Vaughn Taylor set a personal best low 54-hole total with a 194. His previous low was a 195 at the 2005 Legends Reno-Tahoe Open.

It's still a little early to start talking about Pat Perez being a wire-to-wire winner, but such a feat has happened only one time previously in tournament history. Rik Massengale led from start to finish back in 1977:

1 <sup>st</sup> round	64	led by 3
2 <sup>nd</sup> round	64-66—130	led by 4
3 <sup>rd</sup> round	64-66-70—200	led by 4
4 <sup>th</sup> round	64-66-70-70—270	led by 6
final round	64-66-70-70—67—337	won by 6

Charlie Wi matched his career low round of 61 in the third round. His other 61 came at the 2008 Valero Texas Open, where he finished T2.

In the third round, Charlie Wi recorded eagles on No. 8 and No. 16, both par-5's.

Playing in his fifth PGA TOUR event, Bill Lunde shattered his personal best round by five strokes with a 10-under 62 on the Nicklaus Private Course. Lunde's previous best round was a 67 at the 1998 Las Vegas Invitational. Of his four previous TOUR events, Lunde has made one cut.

Matthew Goggin recorded a 10-under 62 on the Bermuda Dunes Course to set a new career low round. His previous low was a 63 accomplished on two occasions most recently at the 2008 Frys.com Open.

There are several players among the leaders at the 50<sup>th</sup> Bob Hope Classic that have never won a TOUR event. Below are active players with the most top-10s without a win:

<u>Player</u>	<u>Career Top-10s</u>	<u>Current Standing at the Bob Hope Classic</u>
Harrison Frazar	33	T102
Tim Clark	31	T16
Jay Delsing	30	DNP
Brett Quigley	30	T91
Pat Perez	26	1
Justin Rose	25	DNP
Skip Kendall	25	DNP
Briny Baird	23	T8
Fredrik Jacobson	22	DNP

<u>Scoring Averages</u>	<u>Cumulative Scoring Average (Through Third-Round)</u>
Palmer Course:	67.885
SilverRock:	69.208
Bermuda Dunes:	68.400
Nicklaus Course:	66.885

John Senden recorded the second hole-in-one by a TOUR professional this week during the third round on the Nicklaus Private Course. Senden used a 7-iron to hole out on the 177-yard third hole. Briny Baird recorded a hole-in-one in the second round.

There have been four other holes-in-one including celebrity actor Michael Pena who holed out on No. 7 on the Nicklaus Private course during the third round. The other three were amateur golfers.

In the third round there were two 11-under 61's and two 10-under 62's.

Briny Baird and Tom Pernice, Jr. lead in Putts/Round Average (25.33) after the third round.

Pat Perez is T1 in Greens in Regulation through three rounds (49/54—90.7%).

<u>Scoring Average After Three Rounds (all courses)</u>	
Par-3's	2.92
Par-4's	3.85
Par-5's	4.48

Bart Bryant withdrew prior to the third round (illness).