



## 3M Championship

TPC Twin Cities/Blaine, Minnesota/August 4-6, 2017

### Final-Round Notes

**Course Setup:** Par 72/7,114 yards 69.143 R3 scoring average; 69.284 cumulative.

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy with highs in the upper-70s. N wind 5-10 mph. Play was suspended from 4:32-5:34 p.m. when showers passed through the area.

	<b>Player</b>	<b>To Par</b>	<b>Scores</b>
1.	<b>Paul Goydos</b>	-20	70-60-66 – 196## Won in Playoff
2.	<b>Gene Sauers</b>	-20	66-64-66 – 196
T3.	<b>Kevin Sutherland</b>	-18	69-65-64 – 198
	<b>Brandt Jobe</b>	-18	67-64-67 – 198
	<b>Steve Stricker</b>	-18	69-63-66 – 198
6.	<b>Scott Verplank</b>	-17	66-67-66 – 199

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#### Paul Goydos, 70-60-66 – 196 (-20)

- Birdied the first playoff hole to defeat Gene Sauers for his fifth career victory on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Has now won at least one event all four years since he joined the Tour in 2014.
- Set a new tournament 18-hole record in the second round with his 12-under-par 60, breaking the previous mark of 61 set by David Frost in 2010 and later matched by Kenny Perry in 2015. Both went on to win the event as well.
- Did not make a bogey in his final two rounds and finished with 16 birdies and an eagle in those two rounds. Had a string 38 holes without a bogey, dating back to Friday's opening round.
- Needed just 73 putts for the tournament, including 20 on Saturday.
- Made his PGA TOUR Champions debut in this event in 2014, finishing T9.
- Finished second with partner Kevin Sutherland at this year's Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf.
- Is now a five-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions, including a pair of wins in 2016 at DICK'S Sporting Goods Open and the Charles Schwab Cup Championship.
- A product of Cal State, Long Beach, he won twice on the PGA TOUR.

## **Gene Sauers, 66-64-66 – 196 (-20)**

- Closed with a 6-under-par 66 and finished second, losing in a one-hole playoff with Paul Goydos. Suffered a critical error when his second shot in the playoffs found water in front of the 18<sup>th</sup> green.
- This was his second runner-up finish in 2017. He also lost in a playoff to Miguel Angel Jimenez at the Mississippi Gulf Resort Classic.
- Hit all 36 greens in regulation to lead all players in the first two rounds and hit 53 of 54 for the tournament, tying the PGA TOUR Champions mark by Brad Bryant at the 2006 Regions Charity Classic.
- Now has six top-10 finishes in 2017, the most since 2013 when he had seven.
- Won the 2016 U.S. Senior Open at Scioto CC in Columbus.

## **Tournament Notes...**

- The scoring average for today's round was 69.143 and the cumulative scoring average for the event was 69.278, the lowest scoring average ever for the event. The previous low was 69.609 in 2014.
- A total of 133 players finished with rounds in the 60s for the event and 173 players finished with rounds under par.
- The field finished with 1,105 birdies, the second most in PGA TOUR Champions history. The record remains 1,147 at the 2011 Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn. The 1,105 birdies surpassed the 1,104 which were recorded here in 2014.
- Kevin Sutherland continued his strong play at this event. After finishing T2 and T3 in his last two visits here, he finished T3 on Sunday on the strength of a final-round 8-under-par 64. It was his 10<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish this year, matching Bernhard Langer for the lead in that category.
- John Harris made his second hole-in-one on PGA TOUR Champions when he aced No. 8 with a 5-iron from 196 yards. His other hole-in-one came in the final round at the 2006 Allianz Championship in Iowa. Harris' ace was the 12<sup>th</sup> in tournament history.
- Wes Short, Jr. closed with a 10-under-par 62 and it included a 7-under-par 29 on the back nine. His round included eagles on Nos. 12 and 18. The 29 matched the tournament 9-hole scoring record on the back nine by Dana Quigley in 2008 (first round).
- Defending champion Joe Durant finished T13 in defense of his 2016 crown. It appeared Durant was on his way to a bogey-free tournament. However, after playing his first 53 holes without a bogey, Durant made a bogey at No. 18 to end his quest for a bogey-free tournament.
- Current Charles Schwab Cup leader Bernhard Langer finished T13 in his first start since winning the Senior Open Championship a week earlier. His 5-under-par 67 was his 27<sup>th</sup> consecutive sub-par round at TPC Twin Cities in as many starts.
- Bernhard Langer now leads the Charles Schwab Cup race with \$2,376,035 and leads Scott McCarron (\$1,406,055) by \$969,980. Kenny Perry is third with \$1,303,120.
- Steve Stricker made a spirited run on Sunday, finishing at 18-under-par 198 and T3 along with Brandt Jobe. The United States Presidents Cup captain has now finished in the top-10 in five of six PGA TOUR Champions events and is now 16<sup>th</sup> on the Charles Schwab Cup list.
- Brandt Jobe's T3 finish was his fourth top-3 effort in his last five starts.
- The most difficult hole for the event was No. 13 with an average score of 3.125 (+.125), while the easiest was No. 3 at 4.375 (-.625). There were six eagles and 140 birdies and just seven bogeys.