



Boeing Classic

The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge/Snoqualmie, Washington/August 25-27, 2017

First-Round Notes

Course Setup: Par 72/7,172 yards 71.769 R1 scoring average **Weather:** Mostly sunny and pleasant with highs in the mid-70s. NNW wind 5-10 mph.

	Player	То	Scores
		Par	
T1.	Jerry Kelly	-7	32-33 - 65
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Т3.	Duffy Waldorf	-6	34-32 - 66
T3.	Marco Dawson	-6	35-31 - 66
T5.	Stephen Ames	-5	34-33 - 67
Т3.	Scott Parel	-5	35-32 - 67

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- <u>Leaderboard</u>
- <u>Tee Times</u>
- <u>PGATOURmedia.com</u> (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Jerry Kelly, 32-33 - 65 (-7)

- Is playing in his 1st Boeing Classic and this is his 13th start on PGA TOUR Champions.
- His 6-under-par 66 included eight birdies and one bogey.
- Best finish in 2017 is a T3 in his first start on PGA TOUR Champions (Chubb Classic)
- Was a full-time member of the PGA TOUR from 1996-2016 with over 600 career starts and nearly \$29 million in earnings.
- Was a three-time winner on Tour, including a pair of wins in 2002 at the Sony Open in Hawaii and the Advil Western Open...also won the 2009 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.
- Played college golf at the University of Hartford.
- Resides in Madison, Wisconsin.

David McKenzie, 31-34 – 65 (-7)

- Had open qualified on Tuesday, advancing in a two-hole playoff for the fourth and final spot.
- His 7-under-par 65 included six birdies and one eagle (No. 8).
- Had just arrived in Seattle on Sunday after competing in Fiji the previous week in the Fiji International where he was T2.
- Was T9 at this year's Senior Open Championship.
- Played six years on the Web.com Tour and won the 2005 Gila River Golf Classic.

- The Australian native has also competed on the PGA of Australasia Tour, and the OneAsia Tour this year.
- Spent the 2006 season on the PGA TOUR where he finished 7^{th} at the Valero Texas Open.
- Competed on the PGA TOUR China Series from 2014-2016 with a pair of wins in 2014.
- Is a native of Melbourne, Australia.

Tournament Notes...

- Marco Dawson fell one shy of tying the PGA TOUR Champions record for consecutive birdies when he reeled off seven in a row from Nos. 14-2 (he started on No. 10). The record is eight and it was established in 1987 by Chi Chi Rodriquez at the Silver Pages Classic. It was later matched by Jim Colbert (2000), Dana Quigley (2005) and Joe Ozaki (2006).
- Seattle's Fred Couples is T42 after an opening-round 72. Making his first start in this event since 2015, two holes were the culprit for Couples. He made a double bogey at No. 14 and followed with a bogey at No. 15.
- One of the day's best turnarounds was by Vijay Singh. He was 1-over-par after 11 holes, but birdied five of his last seven holes to finish with a 4-under-par 68.
- Vijay Singh was one of four players to one-putt 13 of 18 holes. He was joined by Jerry Smith, Michael Allen and Skip Kendall.
- Bob Estes , another long-time PGA TOUR player, shot a 4-under-par 68 in just his fourth start on PGA TOUR Champions . Earlier this year he was T5 at the Senior PGA Championship.
- For the second consecutive year Duffy Waldorf opened with a 6-under-par 66. Waldorf made his PGA TOUR Champions debut here in 2012, finishing T8 after rebounding from an opening-round 3-over-par 75.
- Defending champion Bernhard Langer opened with a 2-under-par 72 and is T24.
- Rocco Mediate hit 17 of 18 greens in regulation to lead all players.
- None of the 78 players in the field played a bogey-free round on Friday.
- Three of the first five holes on the front nine ranked among the most difficult on Friday. No. 4 was the hardest at 4.321 (+.321), while No. 3 was second 4.218 (+.218) and No. 5 was third 4.167 (+.167). The easiest was No. 1 at 4.590 (-.410).
- Overall the field averaged 71.769, the lowest first-round average since 2014 (71.185).