



PURE Insurance Championship

Pebble Beach GL & Poppy Hills GC/Pebble Beach, California/September 22-24, 2017

First-Round Notes

Course Setup: Pebble Beach GL/Par 72/6,837 yards/72.563 R1 scoring average; Poppy Hills GC/Par 71/6,898 yards/69.951 R1 scoring average.

Weather: Mostly sunny and pleasant with highs in the mid-60s. WNW wind 8-14 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Scott McCarron (PH)	-8	30-33 - 63
2.	Bernhard Langer (PH)	-7	32-32 - 64
3.	Kevin Sutherland (PH)	-5	32-34 - 66
T4.	Russ Cochran (PH)	-4	33-34 - 67
T4.	Scott Parel (PH)	-4	31-36 - 67
T4.	Jerry Kelly (PB)	-4	32-36 - 68
T4.	Scott Dunlap (PB)	-4	33-35 - 68

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- [Leaderboard](#)
- PGATOURmedia.com (transcripts and other resources available for download)

Scott McCarron, 30-33 - 63 (-8)

- Set a new Poppy Hills GC 18-hole scoring record with his 8-under-par 63. It broke the course record established in 2015 by Jonathan De Los Reyes from St. Mary's University which was matched later that year by Olin Browne at this event.
- Highlight of his round was an eagle-2 on No. 5. Drained a 60-degree wedge from 84 yards for his eagle, his 18th of the campaign.
- Owns three wins in his last eight starts on this Tour and he also had a T2 effort in that stretch as well.
- His previous low round in this event was a 5-under-par 67 in the final round in 2015.
- Best showing here was a T10 in 2015.
- Hit 16 of 18 greens in regulation today
- Currently second on the Charles Schwab Cup money list and shares the lead for wins in 2017 with Bernhard Langer with four apiece.
- Currently third in top-10 finishes with 10.

Bernhard Langer, 32-32 – 64 (-7)

- Opened with a 7-under-par 64 at Poppy Hills GC, his 25th consecutive sub-par opening round dating back to last year.
- Posted a 9-under-par 63 in the opening round here in 2013 when one of the host courses was the Del Monte GC.
- His 10 birdies led all players in the opening round. Those 10 birdies were just one shy of his career best in that category on PGA TOUR Champions – 11 at the 2016 Chubb Classic (1st round).
- Today's start was just his fourth in this event. He finished T2 a year ago, eighth in 2013 and T10 in 2007.
- Had 11 one-putts today, but three-putts on Nos. 15 and 18 led to bogeys.
- Is the current leader in the season-long Charles Schwab Cup race with \$2,673,835.
- Shares the lead in 2017 wins with Scott McCarron with four each.

Tournament Notes...

- Thirteen of the low 16 scores were recorded at the Poppy Hills Golf Course on Friday. The field averaged 69.951 at Poppy Hills, while the average at Pebble Beach Golf Links was 72.563. The day's low rounds at Pebble Beach were turned in by Jerry Kelly and Scott Dunlap, each had 4-under-par 68.
- Jerry Kelly's 4-under-par 68 was his 12th consecutive round in the 60s, one shy of the PGA TOUR Champions record of 13 by Hale Irwin in 1999.
- Kevin Sutherland birdied his final two holes to finish with a 5-under-par 66 at Poppy Hills and claim sole possession of third place. Sutherland's junior partner was Ryan Parry of The First Tee of Greater Sacramento. Parry is a long-time friend of Sutherland's son, Keaton.
- Davis Love III made his first start in a PGA TOUR Champions event since April's Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf and fired a 3-under-par 68 at Poppy Hills GC. Love and his junior partner, Jayla Rogers (Wilmington, NC), finished with a 5-under-par 66 and are currently T14. Love will become a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame at next week's induction ceremony in New York.
- Defending champion Paul Broadhurst shot a 2-under-par 70 and is currently T17.
- Tom Kite, who won the U.S. Open here in 1992, is off to a good start. The World Golf Hall of Famer shot a 3-under-par 68 at Poppy Hills GC.
- There is a logjam at the top of the pro-junior leaderboard with four teams tied after the opening round at 9-under-par 62. All four groups played at Poppy Hills GC. The four teams include Scott McCarron/Mateo Manzanares (The First Tee of Denver), Bernhard Langer/Justin Potwora (The First Tee of Greater Portland), Nick Faldo/Annika Borrelli (The First Tee of the Tri-Valley) and Vijay Singh/Katie Harris (The First Tee of Greater Sacramento).
- Hole No. 5 was the most difficult on Friday at Pebble Beach with an average score of 3.439 (+.439). It yielded just four birdies. Hole No. 2 was the easiest with an average score of 4.537 (-.463). There were 20 birdies. At Poppy Hills, No. 7 was the most difficult with an average score of 4.195 (+.195), while No. 9 was the easiest at 4.537 (-.463). There was one eagle and 21 birdies.
- The top amateur team was Kevin Sorbo/Edward Vaughan at 16-under-par, one ahead of the team of Tagar Olson/Neil Hughes.

