



2017 U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP NOTES

- The 38th United States Senior Open Championship will be played at Salem Country Club in Peabody, Massachusetts from June 26-July 2, 2017. The course will be set up at 6,815 yards and will play to a par-70 (35-35). Salem Country Club was designed by Donald Ross. The club opened in 1925 and from its humble initiatives evolved one of America's great courses, deemed one of architect Ross' finest creations, and anchored by a classic colonial clubhouse.
- Salem Country Club will be hosting the prestigious U.S. Senior Open for the second time. It also served as host in 2001 when Bruce Fleisher prevailed by one stroke over Gil Morgan and Isao Aoki. In addition to the U.S. Senior Open, the club also hosted the 1932 U.S. Women's Amateur (Virginia Van Wie), the 1954 U.S. Women's Open (Babe Didrickson Zaharias), the 1977 U.S. Senior Amateur (Dale Morey), and the 1984 U.S. Women's Open (Hollis Stacy).
- PGA TOUR Champions is certainly no stranger to the Boston area. In addition to the previous event at Salem Country Club, the Tour had an event in the area from 1981-2008 at Marlboro CC (1981-'83) and at Nashawtuc CC from 1984-2008. The Tour also played the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship at Belmont CC in 2015 where Bernhard Langer won the second of three consecutive titles in that event.
- With his recent victory in the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship near the nation's capital, World Golf Hall of Famer Bernhard Langer won his ninth major title on PGA TOUR Champions, the most by any Tour player. With his victory the previous week at the Regions Tradition, Langer will be bidding for a third consecutive major title. Should he prevail, he'd be the first player on PGA TOUR Champions to claim three consecutive major titles since Kenny Perry -- 2013 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, 2013 U.S. Senior Open, and 2014 Regions Tradition.
- The U.S. Senior Open will be the third of five major championships on PGA TOUR Champions in 2017. Bernhard Langer won the first two, claiming the Regions Tradition by five strokes, and then edging Vijay Singh by a stroke at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship last month. The fourth major championship will be the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship July 13-16 at Caves Valley GC in suburban Baltimore. The Senior Open Championship at Royal Porthcawl in Wales will close out the major championship schedule July 27-30.
- Allen Doyle's win at Prairie Dunes CC in 2006 made him the oldest winner of the U.S. Senior Open at 57 years, 11 months and 17 days. Dale Douglass remains the youngest champion, having won the championship on his first try in 1986 at Scioto CC at the age of 50 years, 3 months and 24 days.
- There will be five former winners of the prestigious U.S. Open in this year's field – Hale Irwin (1974, '79, '90), Tom Watson (1982), Lee Janzen (1993, '98), Corey Pavin (1995) and Tom Kite (1992). Irwin also has a pair of U.S. Senior Open titles on his resume (1998, 2000). Other former U.S. Senior Open winners in the field are Olin Browne (2011), Gene Sauers (2016), Brad Bryant (2007), Roger Chapman (2012), Bernhard Langer (2010), Allen Doyle (2005, '06), Kenny Perry (2013), Colin Montgomerie (2014), Peter Jacobsen (2004) and Jeff Maggert (2015).

- When he prevailed in 2014 at Oak Tree National, Colin Montgomerie became the eighth foreign-born player to capture the title...The others were Roberto De Vicenzo (Argentina), Gary Player (South Africa), Simon Hobday (South Africa), Graham Marsh (Australia), Eduardo Romero (Argentina), Bernhard Langer (Germany) and Roger Chapman (England). Player was a two-time champion.
- Eight players have won the U.S. Senior Open title in their first appearance. That list includes Roberto De Vicenzo (1980), Arnold Palmer (1981), Dale Douglass (1986), Lee Trevino (1990), Larry Laoretti (1992), Don Pooley (2002), Peter Jacobsen (2004) and Roger Chapman (2012).
- In 2011, Olin Browne became only the second player to go wire-to-wire at a U.S. Senior Open, joining Dale Douglass, who did so in 1986. Browne's 64 in the opening round at the Inverness Club in 2011 is the lowest first-round score by a winner. The old mark of 65 was set by Peter Jacobsen in 2004 at Bellerive Country Club.
- Hale Irwin will be making his 22nd appearance in the U.S. Senior Open which ranks fourth on the all-time list behind Dale Douglass (26), Arnold Palmer (25) and Dave Eichelberger (23).

- When Hale Irwin won the 1998 U.S. Senior Open at Riviera Country Club, he became the seventh and last man to claim both the U.S. Open and the U.S. Senior Open in his career. Here's a chart detailing these multiple winners:

<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>U.S. Open</i></u>	<u><i>U.S. Senior Open</i></u>
Billy Casper	1959, 1966	1983
Hale Irwin	1974, 1979, 1990	1998, 2000
Orville Moody	1969	1989
Jack Nicklaus	1962, 1967, 1972, 1980	1991, 1993
Arnold Palmer	1960	1981
Gary Player	1965	1987, 1988
Lee Trevino	1968, 1971	1990

- Loren Roberts' 8-under-par 62 on Saturday at the 2006 U.S. Senior Open at Prairie Dunes remains the lowest round ever posted in U.S. Senior Open history. Roberts' score broke the record of 63 previously held by both Don Pooley and Allen Doyle. Pooley carded an 8-under 63 in the third round of the 2002 U.S. Senior Open at Caves Valley and then Doyle matched that score in the final round of the 2005 U.S. Senior Open at NCR Country Club. In 2013, Kenny Perry and Michael Allen also posted rounds of 63 at Omaha Country Club. They were posted on a par-70 course.
- There have been six playoffs in U.S. Senior Open history, the most recent coming in 2014 when Colin Montgomerie defeated Gene Sauers in a three-hole aggregate playoff. Don Pooley and Tom Watson staged the first aggregate-hole playoff in 2002 after the format was installed in 1999. Pooley eventually won with a birdie on the fifth extra hole after the duo were still deadlocked after three holes. The last 18-hole playoff in U.S. Senior Open history came in 1991 when Jack Nicklaus defeated Chi Chi Rodriguez by four strokes. The other playoffs came in 1988 (Gary Player def. Bob Charles), 1983 (Billy Casper def. Rod Funseth) and 1981 (Arnold Palmer def. Bob Stone and Billy Casper).
- Since 1990, player(s) leading or co-leading the U.S. Senior Open after the third round have gone on to win the championship 13 times. However, in the last 10 years, five times players have come from behind to claim the title, including Gene Sauers (one back), Colin Montgomerie (four back/playoff), Kenny Perry (two back), Roger Chapman (four back) and Brad Bryant (five back). In addition, Allen Doyle's comeback from nine strokes in 2005 is the best come-from-behind win in U.S. Senior Open championship history.

- Gary Player and Fred Funk hold the U.S. Senior Open record for the largest margin of victory. Player recorded a six-stroke win over Doug Sanders at Brooklawn Country Club (Fairfield, CT) in 1987, while Funk’s final-round 65 in 2011 allowed him to cruise to a six-shot triumph over Joey Sindelar.
- Four players in this year’s field competed here when Salem Country Club hosted the event in 2001. That group includes Hale Irwin (T11), Tom Kite (15th), Allen Doyle (T4) and Tom Watson (T16).
- The World Golf Hall of Fame is certainly well represented with eight current members in the field. Among the members playing are Fred Couples, Hale Irwin, Colin Montgomerie, Tom Kite, Sir Nick Faldo, Vijay Singh, Tom Watson, and Mark O’Meara. Ian Woosnam, who will be inducted later this year, is also slated to play,
- The winner of this year’s U.S. Senior Open will earn a spot in the 2018 U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, NY.
- The 2018 U.S. Senior Open will be played at The Broadmoor (East Course) in Colorado Springs, Colorado, June 28-July 1, while the Warren Course at Notre Dame in Notre Dame, Indiana will serve as the host for the 2019 event. In 2020, the event moves to Newport (R.I.) Country Club.

PAR AND YARDAGE

Salem Country Club will be set up at 6,815 yards and will play to a par of 35-35—70. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions.

Salem Country Club Hole By Hole

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	3	5	4	4	4	35
Yardage	407	485	149	341	209	525	419	422	439	3,396
Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
Par	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	4	35
Yardage	404	395	162	392	503	218	389	492	464	3,419