



U.S. Senior Open

Salem Country Club/Peabody, MA/June 29-July 2, 2017

First-Round Notes

Course Setup: Par 70/6,769 yards 72.096 R1 scoring average

Weather: Mostly cloudy with highs near 80 and SSW wind 5-15 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	Kirk Triplett	-8*	31-31 - 62
2.	Olin Browne	-7*	33-30 - 63
3.	Doug Garwood	-6*	33-31 - 64
T4.	Jerry Smith	-5	34-31 - 65
T4.	Paul Goydos	-5*	35-30 - 64
T4.	Kenny Perry	-5*	33-32 - 65
T4.	Barry Lane	-5*	33-32 - 65
T4.	Tom Lehman	-5*	34-31 - 65
T4.	Duffy Waldorf	-5*	31-34 - 65

* Indicates started on #10

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Kirk Triplett, 31-31 - 62 (-8)

- Tied the U.S. Senior Open 18-hole scoring record with his 8-under-par 62. It matched Loren Roberts' 8-under-par 62 in the third round at the 2006 event at Prairie Dunes CC. Nearly broke the record but saw his birdie putt lip out on from 10 feet on No. 18.
- This is the first time in 118 starts on PGA TOUR Champions that he has held a first-round lead.
- Is playing in his sixth U.S. Senior Open with his best finish an eighth place in 2014 at Oak Tree.
- Made an eagle on No. 4 which got him to 8-under-par, sinking 9-iron from 115 yards.
- Has won five times on PGA TOUR Champions, including back-to-back wins at the 2012-13 Nature Valley First Tee Open at Pebble Beach
- One of 12 players to have won on the PGA TOUR, PGA TOUR Champions and the Web.com Tour.
- Earned a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Nevada.

Olin Browne, 33-30 – 63 (-7)

- His 7-under-par 63 was his lowest round in the U.S. Senior Open, surpassing the 7-under-par 64 he posted in the first round of the event in 2011 at Inverness, an event he would go on to win.
- Today's round included nine birdies and two bogeys and the 63 was the sixth recorded in U.S. Senior Open history. The last was a 7-under-par 63 at Del Paso CC in 2015 in Sacramento by Billy Andrade.
- His nine birdies were the most in a U.S. Senior Open round since Kenny Perry had nine in his final round in 2013.
- In addition to his win in 2011, he was T3 in 2010 and 10th in 2009. This is his eighth U.S. Senior Open.
- Is a two-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions with his other victory coming at the 2015 Greater Gwinnett Championship.
- Also owns three wins on the PGA TOUR and four on the Web.com Tour.

Tournament Notes...

- What a difference between 2001 and 2017. When the event was held at Salem Country Club in 2001 only one player bettered par in the opening round -- **Bruce Fleisher** (1-under-par 69). Two others shot even-par and the scoring average for that opening round was 75.014. This year 40 players bettered par on Thursday and the scoring average was 72.096.
- **Bernhard Langer**, the winner of the first two major championships on PGA TOUR Champions and nine major titles overall on Tour, fired a 3-under-par 67 and is currently T13. In those nine major victories, the worst position Langer has been in after Round One was T13 at this year's Regions Tradition.
- At age 72, **Hale Irwin** matched his age for the 15th time in his career with a 2-over-par 72 on Thursday. In addition, Irwin has also bettered his age 18 times in his career on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Since 2000, five players who led or shared the first-round lead went on to win the event. **Colin Montgomerie** (2014), **Olin Browne** (2011), **Peter Jacobsen** (2004) and **Bruce Fleisher** (2001) all led, while **Kenny Perry** (2013) shared the lead.
- **Fred Couples'** 2-under-par gives him 18 consecutive sub-par rounds this year in as many starts.
- Defending champion **Gene Sauers** fired an opening-round 3-over-par 73.
- **Duffy Waldorf** made a hole-in-one on No. 3 with a pitching wedge from 136 yards. It was his second of the year. He made the other at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf.
- **Ted Tryba**, a two-time winner on the PGA TOUR, made his PGA TOUR Champions debut today and shot a 1-under-par 69.
- The most difficult hole was No. 2 with an average score of 4.513 (+.513). The par-4, 485-yard hole yielded just one birdie by **Roger Chapman**. It was coinverted from a par-5 for this event.
- The low amateurs in the field were **Robby Funk** and **Matt Sughure**. They each shot 1-under-par 69.