



# U.S. Senior Open

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

## Second-Round Notes

**Course Setup:** Par 70/6,809 yards; R2 Scoring Average 72.106; Cumulative 72.101

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy, warm and humid with highs in the mid-80s. SW wind 10-20 mph. Play was suspended for the day at 6:41 p.m. when thunderstorms moved into the area. Play resumed at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday and the third round got underway at 8:35 a.m. playing twosomes.

	Player	To Par	Scores
T1.	<b>Kirk Triplett</b>	-11	62-67 – 129
T1.	<b>Kenny Perry</b>	-11	65-64 – 129
3.	<b>Doug Garwood</b>	-9	64-67 – 131
T4.	<b>Scott Verplank</b>	-8*	66-66 – 132
T4.	<b>Bernhard Langer</b>	-8	67-65 – 132
T6.	<b>Tom Lehman</b>	-7	65-68 – 133
T6.	<b>Fred Couples</b>	-7*	68-65 – 133
T6.	<b>Paul Goydos</b>	-7	65-68 – 133
T6.	<b>Joe Durant</b>	-7*	66-67 – 133

\* Indicates started on #10

### Quick Links:

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

---

### Kirk Triplett, 62-67 – 129 (-11)

- After tying the U.S. Senior Open 18-hole scoring record on Thursday with his 8-under-par 62, followed with a 3-under-par 67 for a 36-hole total of 11-under-par 129. The 129 is a new U.S. Senior Open 36-hole scoring record, breaking Michael Allen's mark set in 2013 at Omaha CC.
- His 36-hole numerical total of 129 was his lowest on PGA TOUR Champions. His previous low was a 131 (13-under) at this year's Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai.
- Has hit 29 of 36 fairways (80.6%), 26 of 28 greens in regulation (92.9%) and has had 55 putts (27.5).
- Best finish in a major on Tour was a second place at the 2015 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship to Bernhard Langer.
- Is playing in his sixth U.S. Senior Open with his best finish an eighth place in 2014 at Oak Tree.
- 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.

## **Kenny Perry, 66-64 – 129 (-11)**

- Rebounded from a slow start (2-over-par through four holes) to shoot a 6-under-par 64 to match Kirk Triplett's 36-hole U.S. Senior Open scoring mark of 11-under-par 129.
- Bogeyed his first two holes on Friday and then played his final 14 holes in 8-under-par. His 6-under-par 64 was the day's low round.
- Won this event in 2013 when he shot rounds of 64-63 on the weekend at Omaha Country Club where he finished five better than Fred Funk.
- Has a pair of T2 finishes on his resume this year, including the Allianz Championship and the Insuperity Invitational.
- Won 14 times on the PGA TOUR and owns eight wins on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Member of two U.S. Ryder Cup teams and four Presidents Cup teams.

## **Tournament Notes...**

- When play resumed on Saturday morning, 61 players made the cut at 1-over-par 141, including one amateur.
- **Bernhard Langer**, the winner of the first two major championships on PGA TOUR Champions and nine major titles overall on Tour, followed his 3-under-par 67 with a 5-under-par 65 and is now T4, three back of Kirk Triplett and Kenny Perry. In his two major victories this year, he was T10 at the Regions Tradition (six strokes back) after two rounds and first at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship at the same juncture.
- Following a second consecutive 1-under-par 69, **Tom Watson** made the cut in this event for the 16<sup>th</sup> time in as many attempts. He has been a three-time runner-up in the U.S. Senior Open.
- **Scott Verplank** continued his strong play of late. He posted his second consecutive 4-under-par 66 and is T4 at 8-under-par 132. After missing the cut at May's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, Verplank finished T5 in his next start at the Principal Charity Classic and second to Fred Couples last week at the American Family Insurance Championship.
- Among those missing the cut were former U.S. Senior Open winners **Hale Irwin** (+9), **Peter Jacobsen** (+13), **Allen Doyle** (+15) as well as former U.S. Open champions **Tom Kite** (+7). Others to miss were **David Toms** (+6), **Woody Austin** (+3), **Loren Roberts** (+3) and **Mark Calcavecchia** (+8).
- **Fred Couples'** 5-under-par 65 increased his string of consecutive sub-par rounds to 19 this year, the best current streak on Tour.
- **Fred Couples'** streak of consecutive holes without a three-putt came to an end at 179 when he three-putted No. 18 on Friday.
- **Tom Watson** and **Bernhard Langer** each posted a pair of rounds in the 60s to tie **Hale Irwin** for most rounds in the 60s in the U.S. Senior Open (21). Watson also has 26 sub-par rounds which ties him with **Jack Nicklaus**, one shy of Irwin's record of 27 in event annals.
- **Bart Bryant** authored one of the day's best turnarounds. Bryant was 6-over-par for the event with seven holes remaining. However, he birdied five of his final seven holes to finish at 1-over-par and make the cut. He'll join his brother, Brad, who also made the cut, on the weekend.
- **Paul Broadhurst**, the 2016 Senior Open Championship winner, posted a second consecutive 3-under-par 67 to position himself T10 heading into the weekend. Last July, the Englishman fashioned rounds of 68-68 on the weekend to win the prestigious title at Carnoustie.
- **Robby Funk** (Canyon Lake, CA) was the lone amateur to make the cut. Funk finished at 1-over-par 141.
- Defending champion **Gene Sauers** finished with a 2-over-par 72 for a 36-hole score of 145 (+5) and will miss the cut when the second round concludes.
- When the event was played here in 2001, only one player (Isao Aoki) was under par through 36 holes. This year there are 42 players under par.
- The most difficult hole remained No. 2 with a cumulative average of 4.535 (+.535). The par-4, 485-yard hole has yielded just six birdies in two rounds. It was converted from a par-5 for this event.