



Cologuard Classic

Omni Tucson National (Catalina Course) | Tucson, Ariz. | March 2-4, 2018

Final-Round Notes

Sunday, March 4, 2018

Course Setup: Par 73 / 7,207 yards (R3 scoring average: 71.829; Cumulative: 71.813)

Weather: Mild and sunny. High around 70 and wind from the W-NW at 8-15 mph.

Summary: Steve Stricker finally hit the No. 18 fairway on Omni Tucson National's Catalina Course-- and now has his first PGA TOUR Champions win to show for it. One year after hitting it into the water on the par-4 No. 18 to fall short of a victory in his PGA TOUR Champions debut, Stricker made par and finished two strokes ahead of fellow Madison, Wisconsin native Jerry Kelly, Gene Sauers and Scott Dunlap.

Pos.	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup
1	Steve Stricker	-14	66-70-69 – 205	\$255,000	2 nd
T2	Jerry Kelly	-12	70-72-65 – 207	\$124,666	1 st
T2	Gene Sauers	-12	67-70-70 – 207	\$124,666	6 th
T2	Scott Dunlap	-12	65-71-71 – 207	\$124,666	10 th

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

Steve Stricker, 66-70-69 – 205 (-14)

- Stricker remained bogey-free throughout the final round and had a total of one eagle, 16 birdies and two double bogeys for the week.
- He earned \$255,000 for the victory and moved to No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- He becomes the third player to post their first PGA TOUR Champions victory at the Cologuard Classic, joining **Woody Austin** (2016) and **Marco Dawson** (2015). Both players went on to become multiple time winners during their respective winning season.
- Stricker's two-stroke victory ties the largest in tournament history (**Marco Dawson**, 2015).
- Since turning 50 on February 23, 2017, all 22 of his rounds on Tour have been under par.
- Prior to today, Stricker's last official win came at the PGA TOUR's 2012 Sentry Tournament of Champions (6 years, 1 month and 23 days). Since then, the 12-time PGA TOUR winner has made 87 official starts on the PGA TOUR and PGA TOUR Champions.
- In his eight starts on PGA TOUR Champions, Stricker now has a total of six top-three finishes:

2018 Cologuard Classic	1
2018 Chubb Classic	T2
2017 Tucson Conquistadores	2
2017 Mississippi Gulf Resort	T3
2017 Bass Pro Shops Legends	T8
2017 Regions Tradition	T13
2017 American Family Insurance	T3
2017 3M Championship	T3

Other notes:

- 36-hole leader **Tommy Tolles** had five bogeys in Sunday’s final round and finished the day with a 2-over par 75. The T9 finish and \$42,500 check was his best in eight starts on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Entering the final round six shots back, **Jerry Kelly** had four straight birdies on Nos. 12-15 and another on No. 17 en route to posting a bogey-free 8-under par 65 on Sunday, the lowest round of the day. It was enough to propel him 21 spots on Sunday and finish T2.
- With the T2 finish, Kelly earned a check for \$124,666, allowing him to regain the No. 1 spot from **David Toms** in the Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- **Rocco Mediate’s** T5 finish was his third straight top-10 this season.
- 2016 Cologuard Classic winner **Woody Austin’s** T9 was the highest finisher amongst the three past champions in the field. Defending champion **Tom Lehman** finished T24 while 2015 winner **Marco Dawson** finished T36.
- **Billy Mayfair** and **Kirk Triplett**, both T13, were the highest finishers among the eight Arizona residents in the field. Triplett was also the highest of the five past Tucson Open champions competing this week.
- Today’s T54 finish marks the first time Langer has notched back-to-back finishes outside the top-25 since February of 2015. He finished T36 two weeks ago at the Chubb Classic in Naples, Florida.
- For the first time since 2011, Langer has just one top-10 finish in his first four starts of the season – a runner-up at the Boca Raton Championship.
- Langer’s second-round 77 (4-over) was his highest score on PGA TOUR Champions since a final-round 77 (6-over) at the 2014 U.S. Senior Open.
- Stricker’s win marks the eighth straight year that four different players have won each of the four opening events of a PGA TOUR Champions season (**Joe Durant, Mark Calcavecchia** and **Jerry Kelly**). It also marks the first time since 2012 that the first four winners in a PGA TOUR Champions season have all been players from the United States (**Dan Forsman, Corey Pavin, Kenny Perry, Loren Roberts**).
- In his PGA TOUR Champions debut, **Len Mattiace** finished 69th.
- The Omni Tucson National’s par-4 18th hole averaged the hardest in tournament history and has been the most difficult thus far on PGA TOUR Champions in 2018 with a scoring average of 4.452 (+0.452). Since the tournament began in 2015, the 469-yard, par-4 18th hole has been one of the three toughest closing holes on PGA TOUR Champions. In 2017, it was the third-toughest finishing hole on Tour, playing to a 4.338 scoring average.
- Here’s a closer look at how the No. 18 hole at Omni Tucson National has played over the years:

Year	R1	R2	R3	Average	Avg O/U	Eagle	Birdie	Par	Bogey	Dbl Bogey	Other
2018	4.429	4.468	4.461	4.452	+0.452	0	15	122	69	22	2
2017	4.291	4.278	4.443	4.338	+0.338	0	16	147	55	17	2
2016	4.432	4.370	4.395	4.399	+0.399	0	16	134	74	18	1
2015	4.263	4.463	4.275	4.333	+0.333	0	19	144	57	18	2