



HARBOR SHORES



CHAMPIONS

KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship

Harbor Shores | Benton Harbor, Michigan | May 24-27, 2018

First-Round Notes

Thursday, May 24, 2018

Course Setup: Par 71 / 6,811 yards (R1 scoring average: 72.15)

Weather: Sunny and a high near 80. Wind from the SW at 5-10 mph.

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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Scott McCarron	-5	33-33 – 66
T1	Wes Short Jr.	-5	36-30 – 66
T1	Stuart Smith	-5	32-34 – 66
T1	Tim Petrovic	-5	33-33 – 66
T1	Barry Lane	-5	35-31 – 66
T1	Peter Lonard	-5	33-33 – 66

- The six first-round co-leaders is the most in the 79-year history of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. Previously, the record was five co-leaders in 1981.

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Scott McCarron, 33-33 – 66 (-5)

- McCarron is a first-round leader/co-leader for the fifth time on PGA TOUR Champions, and the first time since the 2017 PURE Insurance Championship. He is 0-for-4 in converting a first-round lead/co-lead into a win.
- Since the start of 2016, McCarron has seven top-10s in the last 11 majors, including two at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (T7/2016, T5/2017) and a win at the 2017 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.
- This season, McCarron has five top-10s, including a T5 at the Regions Tradition, and is No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- He has six career wins on PGA TOUR Champions and has finished in the top five of the Charles Schwab Cup each of the last two years (No. 4/2016, No. 3/2017).

Wes Short Jr., 36-30 – 66 (-5)

- Short's first-round 66 was aided by eagles on Nos. 9 and 12. It was the eighth time this season a player has made two eagles in a round, and it was the fourth time Short has accomplished the feat since he joined the Tour in 2014.
- Last week at the Regions Tradition, Short opened with a 6-under 66 and was T2 through 18 holes. He followed with rounds of 72-68-72 and finished T16.

- He has three top-10s in 21 major starts, with his best finish being fifth at the 2016 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.
- This is Short's fifth start at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. His best finish was T25 in 2017, and his best finish in two starts at Harbor Shores was T48 in 2014.
- Prior to Thursday, his best score at Harbor Shores was a second-round 69 in 2016.
- This is the fourth time Short has been a first-round leader/co-leader, and the first time since he shot 7-under 65 and shared the lead at the 2017 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.
- This season, Short's best finish was fifth at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, and he's currently No. 31 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Stuart Smith, 32-34 – 66 (-5)

PGA Club Professional – Director of Golf at Somersett Golf & Country Club (Reno, Nevada)

- Smith made five straight birdies (Nos. 7-11) and was 7-under through 17 holes, but he settled for a 5-under 66 after a double bogey on No. 18. It is the second-lowest first-round score by a Club Pro in the modern era (since 1968), one shy of the 6-under 65 by John Dal Corobbo at Harbor Shores in 2016.
- Smith was a three-year letterwinner at UCLA (1981, 1982, 1984) and was teammates with Steve Pate, Corey Pavin, Tom Pernice Jr. and Duffy Waldorf.
- The last time a PGA Club Professional led was 2003, when Mike San Filippo of Hobe Sound, Florida, shared the first-round lead with eventual winner John Jacobs and Bobby Wadkins. All three players shot 68.
- He is making his fourth start at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, and third at Harbor Shores. His previous finishes were: T60/2016, T71/2014 and MC/2013.
- He missed the cut in each of his five starts on the PGA TOUR, including the 2011 and 2013 PGA Championship.
- In the modern era (since 1968), two Club Professionals have won the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship: Tom Wargo/1993 and Jack Fleck/1979.

Tim Petrovic, 33-33 – 66 (-5)

- Petrovic opened with a 5-under 66, his best first round in 28 starts on PGA TOUR Champions. Previously, his best opening score was a 4-under 67 at the 2016 Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship.
- This is the first time he's led/co-led after any round. Previously, his best first-round position was T6 after he opened with a 3-under 69 at the 2018 Mitsubishi Electric Classic.
- At last week's Regions Tradition, he was T6 through 54 holes, but he shot a final-round 74 and finished T27.
- At the Chubb Classic in February, he closed with a career-best 64 and posted his best finish, a tie for second. He is currently No. 33 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Barry Lane, 35-31 – 66 (-5)

- This is Lane's third start on PGA TOUR Champions this season, and 39th since he turned 50 in 2010. This year, he finished T32 at the Chubb Classic and T53 at the Insuperity Invitational.
- This is the fourth time Lane has played the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship at Harbor Shores, and his best finish was a T21 in 2012.
- He set the Staysure Tour's 18-hole record when he shot a 12-under 60 at the 2017 Willow Senior Golf Classic.
- Lane is a six-time winner on the Staysure Tour and a five-time winner on the European Tour.

Peter Lonard, 33-33 – 66 (-5)

- In his senior debut last year, Lonard finished T3 at The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex. Since then, he has made four starts on the Australasia Tour with his best and most recent result being a T38 at the ISPS HANDA New Zealand Open in March.

Other Notes

- This season, four of the 10 tournaments have been won by a first-round leader/co-leader, including each of the last two weeks (Bernhard Langer – Insuperity Invitational, Miguel Angel Jimenez – Regions Tradition).

- When the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship has been played at Harbor Shores, two of the three winners have been the first-round leader. In 2016, Rocco Mediate opened with a tournament record-tying 9-under 62 en route to a wire-to-wire victory, while 2012 champion Roger Chapman shot a first-round 68 and led by one. Colin Montgomerie, the 2014 champion, was T6 at 2-under 69 after the first round.
- The field includes five past champions:
 - **Jay Haas** (2006, 2008) – T45/-1 (70)
 - **Tom Lehman** (2010) – T45/-1 (70)
 - **Rocco Mediate** (2016) – T77/+1 (72)
 - **Colin Montgomerie** (2014, 2015) – T24/-2 (69)
 - **Mike Reid** (2005) – T45/-1 (70)
- There are 41 PGA Club Professionals in the field this week, including 25 who have competed at Harbor Shores as least once since the 2012 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. The contingent includes 32 of 35 who earned a berth through last fall's Senior PGA Professional Championship; and nine alternates.
- This week's winner will receive a lifetime exemption into the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, and exemptions into the 2018 PGA Championship, 2018 Senior Open Championship and 2018 U.S. Senior Open.