



PURE Insurance Championship

Pebble Beach Golf Links & Poppy Hills Golf Course | Pebble Beach, Calif. | September 28-30, 2018

Final-Round Notes

Sunday, September 30, 2018

Pebble Beach: Par 72 / 6,877 yards (R3 scoring avg: 72.471)

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 68. Wind 8-15 mph from the SW.

Summary: **Ken Tanigawa** made a [35-foot eagle putt](#) on the par-5 18th at Pebble Beach Golf Links to win the PURE Insurance Championship for his first PGA TOUR Champions title. The Q-School graduate finished with an even-par 72 to beat Kirk Triplett and Marco Dawson by a stroke.

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money
1	Ken Tanigawa	-10	67-66-72--205	\$315,000
T2	Kirk Triplett	-9	68-68-70--206	\$168,000
T2	Marco Dawson	-9	67-68-71--206	\$168,000
4	Duffy Waldorf	-8	68-68-71--207	\$126,000

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Ken Tanigawa, 67-66-72--205 (-10)

- Making his PURE Insurance Championship debut, **Ken Tanigawa** led after 36-holes (67-68) entering into the final round for the first time on PGA TOUR Champions. He opened with back-to-back birdies on Nos. 2 and 3, but with bogeys on Nos. 4 and 5 fell back one-stroke behind **Kirk Triplett**. Tanigawa double-bogeyed No. 8, while Triplett posted back-to-back bogeys on Nos. 16 and 17, but birdied No. 18 to sit even with Tanigawa. On No. 18, Tanigawa drove the green 315 yards, hit an iron on the fringe of the green and landed a [35-foot putt for eagle](#) to win his first PGA TOUR Champions title.
- A graduate of Q-School in December 2017, Tanigawa earned a fully-exempt status for this season. He becomes the first Q-School graduate to win since Jerry Smith at the 2015 Encompass Championship.
- Tanigawa is the fifth PGA TOUR Champions player to win their first Champions Tour title this year (**Scott Parel**, 2018 Boeing Classic; **David Toms**, U.S. Senior Open Championship; **Steve Flesch**, Mitsubishi Electric Classic; **Steve Stricker**, Cologuard Classic).
- Tanigawa is the first player to win with an eagle on the last hole since **Bernhard Langer** at the 2017 Dominion Energy Charity Classic and the first player to win with an even-par final round since David Toms at the 2018 U.S. Senior Open Championship.

- Tanigawa's victory earns him his largest paycheck (\$315,000) in his PGA TOUR Champions career and moves to No. 20 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Kirk Triplett, 68-68-70--206 (-9)

- **Kirk Triplett** opened the final round with three birdies on the front nine to lead the field at the turn. He carded back-to-back bogeys on Nos. 16 and 17, but birdied the final hole to sit even with Tanigawa. Tanigawa eagled the final hole handing Triplett his second runner-up finish this season (Shaw Charity Classic).
- This was Triplett's seventh appearance at the PURE Insurance Championship. He won back-to-back in 2012, 2013 and finished T6 in 2014.
- Triplett now has eight runner-up finishes in his PGA TOUR Champions career.
- With \$168,000 in earnings, he moves to No. 12 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Marco Dawson, 67-68-71--206 (-9)

- **Marco Dawson** was the only player in the field bogey-free through 36-holes, but carded three bogeys and four birdies in the final round to share the lead with Triplett at 9-under 206. Tanigawa eagled the final hole leaving Dawson as a runner-up with Triplett.
- His runner-up finish is his best in five appearances at the event and best on PGA TOUR Champions since he won The Senior Open Championship in 2015.
- Dawson led the field in scrambling hitting 14 of 17 greens.
- With \$168,000 in earnings, he moves to No. 22 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Other Notes

- Earning \$56,700 this week with his T9 finish, **Scott McCarron** moved \$2,940 ahead of **Miguel Angel Jimenez** in the Charles Schwab Cup. This is McCarron's first time leading the Charles Schwab Cup this season. McCarron becomes the seventh player to lead the Charles Schwab Cup this year. It ties for the most players in 18 years that have been No. 1 in a season (7/2015).
- After a three-way finish at 16-under in the pro-junior competition, **Kevin Sutherland** and his 17-year-old nephew, Matthew **Sutherland** (The First Tee of Sacramento), claimed the pro-junior title in a scorecard playoff over the teams of **Stephen Ames**-Caroline Wales (The First Tee of Coachella) and **Duffy Waldorf**-Yena Jang (The First Tee of Sacramento).
- The top amateur finishers were John Tracy and Shawn O'Grady at 39-under.
- **Duffy Waldorf** birdied the first hole of his final round on Sunday followed by four more to share the lead with Triplett, until he bogeyed No. 16 for a fourth-place finish. It is his best finish since finishing runner-up at the 2017 Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge. He earns \$126,000 and moves to No. 24 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Woody Austin** carded five birdies and an eagle on No. 11 in the final round to finish at 7-under 208 (T5) for his seventh top-10 finish this season. In five appearances at the PURE Insurance Championship, Austin has four finishes in the top-10. He earns \$86,800 and moves to No. 18 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Mike Goodes** carded rounds of 69-68-71 to finish T5, his best finish in 12 starts at the event. It is his second top-10 finish of the season on PGA TOUR Champions. He earns \$86,800 and moves to No. 55 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Tom Gillis** carded rounds of 68-67-73 for a T5 finish in his PURE Insurance Championship debut. Gillis turned 50 in July and has recorded four top-10 finishes in just five starts on PGA TOUR Champions.