



Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship

Firestone Country Club | Akron, Ohio | July 8-14, 2019

Final-Round Notes

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Course Setup: Par 70 / 7,016 yards (R4 average: 72.500, Cumulative: 72.818)

Weather: Mostly sunny skies with a high in the low 80s. Wind from the NNW at 4-8 mph.

Summary: With birdies on the last two holes, **Retief Goosen** won by two strokes with a 6-under total and captured his first senior major title at the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. It marks the 17th time the tournament was won by a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame and the first PGA TOUR-sanctioned win for Goosen since 2009.

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup
1.	Retief Goosen	-6	69-62-75-68 – 274	\$420,000	8th
T2.	Jay Haas	-4	69-68-72-67 – 276	\$224,000	26th
T2.	Tim Petrovic	-4	71-68-69-68 – 276	\$224,000	28th
T4.	Kent Jones	-2	70-67-70-71 – 278	\$151,200	18th
T4.	Scott Parel	-2	66-72-67-73 – 278	\$151,200	4th
6.	Steve Stricker	-1	64-70-73-72 – 279	\$112,000	2nd

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Retief Goosen, 69-62-75-68—274 (-6)

- Playing in the final group, Goosen bogeyed No. 14 while Scott Parel made birdie, which created a five-way tie for the lead (-4) with Tim Petrovic, Kent Jones, and Jay Haas.
- After Haas and Petrovic posted 4-under totals, Goosen took a one-shot lead when he made a 10-foot birdie putt on No. 17. After finding the fairway on the 18th hole, Goosen hit his 155-yard approach to eight feet and made the birdie putt to complete his first win on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Goosen won seven times on the PGA TOUR, the last being the 2009 Valspar Championship. His win Sunday broke a winless drought of 10 years, 3 months, 22 days and 190 starts in PGA TOUR-sanctioned events (179 PGA TOUR, 11 PGA TOUR Champions).
- This is the 17th time a member of the World Golf Hall of Fame won the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, and the fifth time in the last six years.
 - Vijay Singh (2018), Bernhard Langer (2016, 2015, 2014), Fred Couples (2011), Mark O'Meara (2010), Raymond Floyd (2000, 1996), Hale Irwin (1999), Gil Morgan (1998), Jack Nicklaus (1990), Billy Casper (1989), Gary Player (1987), Chi Chi Rodriguez (1986), Arnold Palmer (1985, 1984).
- With the win, Goosen earned an exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship in 2020. His best finish in 17 starts at TPC Sawgrass was a runner-up finish to Stephen Ames in 2006.
- Goosen's 6-under total is the second-highest winning score in relation to par in tournament history. The highest was at Philadelphia Cricket Club in 2016 when Bernhard Langer won at 1-over.

- Goosen won at the age of 50 years, 3 months, 11 days. The youngest winner in tournament history was Craig Stadler, who won in 2003 at the age of 50 years, 1 month, 11 days.
- With the win, Goosen is:
 - The season's youngest winner and the first 50-year-old to win since Ken Tanigawa won the 2018 PURE Insurance Championship.
 - The first first-time winner since Tanigawa.
 - The first rookie to win a major since Paul Broadhurst won the 2016 Senior Open Championship.
 - The first South African to win since David Frost won the 2015 Rapiscan Systems Classic.
 - The first U.S. Open winner to win the Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship since Raymond Floyd won in 2000.
 - The first player to make a major his first win since David Toms won the 2018 U.S. Senior Open.
- Goosen had three top-10s in 12 starts at Firestone Country Club on the PGA TOUR, including a T3 finish at the 2010 World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational.
- Since turning 50 on February 3, Goosen has four top-10s on PGA TOUR Champions and is now No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Jay Haas, 69-68-72-67—276 (-4)

- In his bid to become the oldest winner in PGA TOUR Champions history, the 65-year-old birdied No. 16 and was part of a five-way tie for the lead at 4-under.
- Playing in the fourth-to-last group, Haas was the first player to post 4-under. He left a downhill birdie putt two feet short on No. 18, and a tap-in par capped off a final-round 67, tied for the day's lowest round.
- Winner of the 2009 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, Haas posted his 23rd top-10 in a senior major and his fifth at this tournament.
- This week was Haas' 1,100th combined start on the PGA TOUR (799) and PGA TOUR Champions (301). He is a two-time winner of the Charles Schwab Cup (2006, 2008) and he is T14 on the PGA TOUR Champions all-time wins list (18).
- The T2 finish was his best since he won the 2016 Hoag Classic. This season, he has two top-10s and is now 26th in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Tim Petrovic, 71-68-69-68—276 (-4)

- Of the top-10 finishers, Petrovic was the only one to go bogey-free on the back nine Sunday. Playing in the third-to-last group, he shared the clubhouse lead with Haas and was tied with Goosen at 4-under.
- Since the start of 2018, Petrovic has six runner-up finishes, four of which came in 72-hole events (three majors and the 2018 Charles Schwab Cup Championship).
- Last season, Petrovic won \$1,463,808, the second-highest total by a player without a victory in Tour history. This year, he has two top-10s and is 28th in the Charles Schwab Cup with \$399,626.

Other Notes

- In his bid to win his third major of the season, **Steve Stricker** bogeyed Nos. 13, 14 and 17 to fall off the pace. He birdied No. 18 to post a final-round 72 and finish sixth at 1-under.
- **Scott Parel** birdied No. 14 and was part of the five-way tie for the lead at 4-under. Errant tee shots on the par-3 15th and par-5 16th led to a bogey and double bogey, respectively, and he settled for a T4 finish at 2-under. It was his fifth top-10 in his last six starts and he's No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- **Kent Jones** was also tied for the lead at 4-under, but bogeys on Nos. 15 and 18 led to a T4 finish at 2-under. It was his fourth top-10 of the year and he improved to No. 18 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- Defending champion **Vijay Singh** carded a final-round 74 and finished T18 at 4-over.
- **Scott McCarron**, winner of the 2017 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, finished T7 at even-par and maintained his spot atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings for the 10th consecutive week. He has \$1,991,805 and leads Stricker by \$457,478.

Holes-in-One Notes

- **David Toms** made a hole-in-one on the 207-yard 5th hole with a 4-iron. It was the second ace of his PGA TOUR Champions career (2017 Invesco QQQ Championship).

- **Marco Dawson** made a hole-in-one on the 157-yard 12th hole with an 8-iron. It was the first ace of his PGA TOUR Champions career.
- This week marks the first time in PGA TOUR Champions history that four holes-in-one were recorded in the same tournament (individual stroke play). This week's aces:
 - Steve Stricker, 182-yard 7th hole, 7-iron (first round)
 - Glen Day, 186-yard 5th hole, 5-iron (second round)
 - David Toms, 207-yard 5th hole, 4-iron (final round)
 - Marco Dawson, 157-yard 12th hole, 8-iron (final round)
- It's the second time in tournament history at least three aces were made in the same year. At TPC Michigan in 1992, aces were made by Ben Smith, Bob Betley and J.C. Goosie.