



CHAMPIONS

# Hoag Classic

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California | March 8-10, 2019

## Final-Round Notes

Sunday, March 10, 2019

**Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,552 yards (R3: 70.676; Cumulative: 70.778)

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy skies with a high of 58. Winds out of the SW at 6-12 mph.

**Summary:** **Kirk Triplett** defeated **Woody Austin** on the second playoff hole when he made a 12-foot eagle putt to claim his seventh victory on PGA TOUR Champions. It was Triplett's second playoff in his career, improving his record to 2-0.

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Earnings
1.	Kirk Triplett*	-10	70-65-68--203	\$270,000.00
2.	Woody Austin	-10	68-67-68--203	\$158,400.00
T3.	Jeff Maggert	-9	76-63-65--204	\$118,800.00
T3.	Scott McCarron	-9	64-72-68--204	\$118,800.00

\*Playoff (second hole, No. 18) -- Triplett/Par, Austin/Par; Triplett/Eagle

### Quick Links:

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

### Kirk Triplett, 70-65-68--203 (-10)

- Triplett birdied the 18th hole to finish at 3-under 68 and enter into the second playoff of his career on PGA TOUR Champions. Triplett and **Woody Austin** were the clubhouse leaders at 10-under. Triplett reached the green in two and made a left-to-right breaking 12-foot eagle putt on the second playoff hole to defeat Austin, improving his playoff record to 2-0.
- The win is Triplett's seventh on PGA TOUR Champions, and this is the sixth year in eight seasons on Tour he has claimed a title. Last year, Triplett won the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf in a playoff alongside Paul Broadhurst.
- Triplett earned \$270,000 and moved into second-place in the Charles Schwab Cup, \$61,644 behind four-week leader, Bernhard Langer. In his last seven years on Tour, Triplett has finished the season ranked in the top 25 in the Charles Schwab Cup.
- It was his sixth start at the Hoag Classic. His best finish prior to this week came in 2014 when he finished T10. Last year, he finished T66.
- Triplett entered this week off a runner-up finish at the Cologuard Classic. He has now posted four top-10 finishes in five starts this year.

### Playoff Notes:

- This was Triplett's second playoff (2018 Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf with Paul Broadhurst) and Austin's third playoff on PGA TOUR Champions (2016 Mitsubishi Electric Classic, Boeing Classic).
- This is the third time on PGA TOUR Champions a playoff has been won with an eagle. The last playoff won with eagle was when Joe Durant defeated Miguel Angel Jimenez on the first playoff hole at the 2016 3M Championship.
- This was the sixth playoff at the Hoag Classic:
  - **1997** Bob Murphy def. Jay Sigel with a birdie on the ninth playoff hole.
  - **1999** Gary McCord def. Allen Doyle, Al Geiberger and John Jacobs with a birdie on the fifth playoff hole.
  - **2001** Jose Maria Canizares def. Gil Morgan with a birdie on the ninth playoff hole.
  - **2008** Bernhard Langer defeated Jay Haas with a birdie on the seventh playoff hole.
  - **2016** Jay Haas defeated Bart Bryant with a birdie on the first playoff hole.
- The last two-hole playoff was when Vijay Singh defeated Jeff Maggert at the 2018 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.
- This was the second playoff of the season on PGA TOUR Champions (Chubb Classic: Miguel Angel Jimenez defeated Bernhard Langer and Olin Browne).
- There were three playoffs in 2018:
  - Mitsubishi Electric Championship (Steve Flesch defeated Bernhard Langer and Scott Parel)
  - Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf (Paul Broadhurst and Kirk Triplett defeated Bernhard Langer and Tom Lehman)
  - Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship (Vijay Singh defeated Jeff Maggert)

#### **Woody Austin, 68-67-68--203 (-10)**

- Austin eagled No. 5 en route to a bogey-free 3-under 68 in the final round. He held a one-shot lead until Triplett birdied the final hole, entering Austin into his third playoff (1-2) of his career.
- In the playoff, Austin missed the green with his second shot, while Triplett was able to reach the green in two, setting up a left-to-right breaking eagle putt from 12 feet to win.
- Austin made his fifth start this week at the Hoag Classic. He continued his streak of not carding a round over par at Newport Beach Country Club (12) and not finishing outside the top 25.
- He ranked second in driving distance this week averaging 277.5 on the two tracked holes, 15 and 16.
- In five starts this year, Austin has posted three finishes in the top five (T2, Hoag Classic; T5 Oasis Championship; T4, Chubb Classic).
- The runner-up finish is his best since he won the 2018 Dominion Energy Charity Classic.

#### **Jeff Maggert, 76-63-65--204 (-9)**

- After opening his fifth start at the Hoag Classic with a 5-over 76 in the first round, Maggert carded a career-best 8-under 63 in the second round to gear him up for a bogey-free 6-under 65 final round.
- Maggert moved 16 places up the leaderboard in the final round to finish T3, his best finish since losing to Vijay Singh in a playoff at the 2018 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS championship.
- He ranked third in the field in putting (1.785 putts per GIR) and one-putt percentage (61.36%).
- In 2018, Maggert had two runner-up finishes (Insperity Invitational, Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship), and six finishes in the top 10.

#### **Scott McCarron, 64-72-68--204 (-9)**

- McCarron carded a final-round 3-under 68 to move up the leaderboard four places to finish T3, for his third top-10 in five events this year.
- McCarron led the field in driving distance (278.2) on the two tracked holes, 15 and 16.
- In four starts at the Hoag Classic, McCarron has not finished outside the top 10.
- In five starts this year, McCarron has posted a runner-up finish (Cologuard Classic) and three finishes in the top 10. He has not finished outside the top 25 this season.
- In 2018, McCarron won the American Family Insurance Championship and the Shaw Charity Classic, finished runner-up at the Hoag Classic and posted 13 finishes in the top 10. He finished No. 2 on the Charles Schwab Cup money list.

## Other Notes

- Coto de Caza, California resident **Paul Goydos** opened and closed with back-to-back birdies to card a final-round 2-under 69. He finished at 8-under 205 (T5), his best in five starts this season.
- Playing as a sponsor exemption, **Fran Quinn** entered the final round leading by three strokes, but ultimately finished T5 after a 3-over 74. He earned a spot into the Rapiscan Systems Classic with his top-10 finish this week.
- Newport Beach, California resident **Fred Couples** closed with a 3-under 69 to tie for 10th at 6-under 207.
- Irvine, California resident **Esteban Toledo** entered the final-round T4, but carded a 3-over 75 in the final round to finish T15. It is his best finish since finishing in eighth place at the 2018 Shaw Charity Classic.
- The field included six members of the World Golf Hall of Fame:
  - **Fred Couples:** T10 (-6)
  - **Tom Kite:** T72 (+17)
  - **Sandy Lyle:** T64 (+5)
  - **Jose Maria Olazabal:** T32 (-2)
  - **Mark O'Meara:** T15 (-4)
  - **Colin Montgomerie:** W/D
- The field included five past champions of the Hoag Classic:
  - **Duffy Waldorf (2015):** T47(Even)
  - **Fred Couples (2010, 2014):** T10 (-6)
  - **David Frost (2013):** 70 (+11)
  - **Loren Roberts (2012):** T62 (+4)
  - **Jay Haas:** W/D
- **Tom Gillis** withdrew prior to the start of the final round due to illness.