



U.S. Senior Open Championship

Warren Golf Course at Notre Dame | South Bend, Indiana | June 27-30, 2019

Final Round Notes

Sunday, June 30, 2019

Course Setup: Par 70 / 7,004 yards (R4 scoring average: 71.305; Cumulative: 71.506)

Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 84. Winds out of the NW at 8-12 mph.

Summary: Steve Stricker claimed his first U.S. Senior Open victory and second major championship win of the year with a six-stroke win over Jerry Kelly and David Toms. After building a six-shot lead through 54 holes, Stricker carded a final-round 70 to finish at 19-under 261, the second-lowest score in relation to par in U.S. Senior Open history.

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Charles Schwab Cup
1.	Steve Stricker	-19	62-64-66-69—261	\$720,000	No. 1
T2.	Jerry Kelly	-13	64-64-70-69—267	\$350,000	No. 3
T2.	David Toms	-13	62-67-70-68—267	\$350,000	No. 5
4.	Bob Estes	-10	67-65-68-70—270	\$188,477	No. 26
5.	Kirk Triplett	-8	64-68-71-69—272	\$156,983	No. 4

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Steve Stricker, 62-64-66-69—261 (-19)

- Stricker opened the final round with a birdie on the first hole, followed by pars throughout the remainder of the front nine. Stricker recorded just his second bogey of the tournament on the par-4 10th hole as Jerry Kelly birdied, cutting Stricker's lead to five. Stricker made a 46-foot chip in on the par-3 12th hole, his 20th birdie of the event, and pars throughout the remainder of the round secured his second major championship victory on PGA TOUR Champions.
- His 19-under 261 records as the lowest 72-hole total and second lowest in relation to par in U.S. Senior Open history (first: 20-under, Fred Funk, 2009), and ties for second all-time on PGA TOUR Champions (first: 258, Tom Lehman, 2012).
- Stricker's six-shot victory ties for the largest margin of victory in the history of the U.S. Senior Open (ties: Gary Player, 1978; Fred Funk, 2009).
- Stricker played 57 holes without a bogey, setting a new record at the event, until reaching the par-4 10th hole on Sunday. His two bogeys through 72 holes records as the fewest by a winner at the U.S. Senior Open (record dates back to 1992). Fred Funk recorded four when he won in 2009.
- Both of Stricker's major championship victories have been won by six shots and between both of his major championship victories, he carded just three bogeys (1, Regions Tradition; 2, U.S. Senior Open) across 144 holes.
- Stricker joins Jack Nicklaus (1991) and Jeff Maggert (2015) as the only players to win the Regions Tradition and the U.S. Senior Open in the same year.
- Stricker became the ninth player to win the event in the first start (most recent: Roger Chapman, 2012).

- With the win, Stricker receives a 10-year exemption into the U.S. Senior Open and an exemption into the 2020 U.S. Open. Stricker owns 13 finishes in the top 25 at the U.S. Open.
- His win marks the eighth-consecutive season (dating back to 2012) of a player winning multiple PGA TOUR Champions major championships and Stricker becomes the 15th player to win multiple major championships in the same year.
- Stricker owns 16 finishes in the top 10 in 21 starts on Tour. This season, he has posted two major championship victories and five finishes in the top six in just eight starts.
- Stricker moves from No. 10 to No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, his highest since May 2018.

Jerry Kelly, 64-64-70-69—267 (-13)

- Kelly carded a 1-under 69 in the final round to finish runner-up for the second consecutive year at the U.S. Senior Open.
- Kelly's 13-under 267 records as his lowest 72-hole total in 13 major championship appearances.
- It is the second time Kelly has finished runner-up to Stricker on PGA TOUR Champions (T2, 2018 Cologuard Classic).
- Kelly has top-15 finishes in each of the last eight majors, including five top-five finishes.
- A four-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions, Kelly has top-12 finishes in each of his last eight starts. During this span, he has improved from No. 23 to No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup.

David Toms, 62-67-70-68—267 (-13)

- Defending champion Toms carded a final-round 2-under 68 to finish runner-up, six strokes behind Stricker.
- Toms is the first defending champion to finish runner-up at the U.S. Senior Open since Colin Montgomerie in 2014 and best individual finish by a defending champion this year.
- Toms' 13-under 267 is his lowest total in 10 major championships on PGA TOUR Champions.
- It is the second time on PGA TOUR Champions Toms has finished runner-up to Stricker (2019 Regions Tradition).
- Toms' lone victory on PGA TOUR Champions was the 2018 U.S. Senior Open and now owns five top-10 finishes in major championships.

Other Notes

- **Bob Estes** carded a final-round even par to finish the event at 10-under 270, his best 72-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions. Estes finished in fourth place, marking his best finish in eight major championship appearances.
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Scott McCarron** carded the lowest round of the weekend with a 6-under 64 in the final round to move up the leaderboard from T46 to T6, his highest finish in four starts at the U.S. Senior Open.
- 1982 U.S. Open winner **Tom Watson** finished with a 2-under 68, bettering his age for the second time in the past four rounds, becoming the most recent player to do so since Hale Irwin at the 2018 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. Watson finished his 17th start at the event, recording as the most U.S. Senior Open Championships completed surpassing Hale Irwin, Gil Morgan and Arnold Palmer with 16. With a T17 finish, Watson now holds 14 top-25 finishes, the most in the history of the U.S. Senior Open.
- Qualifiers **Doug Garwood** and **Fran Quinn** each posted even-par 70s to earn a share of 14th and a spot in the 2020 U.S. Senior Open. The low 15 and ties are exempt into the next year's championship.
- **Tommy Armour III**, who started the final round tied for fifth, withdrew after nine holes on Sunday.