



## KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship

Southern Hills Country Club | Tulsa, Oklahoma | May 27-30, 2021

### Final-Round Notes

Sunday, May 30, 2021

**Course Setup:** Par 70 / 6,721 yards (R4: 71.641; Cumulative: 73.208)

**Weather:** Mostly cloudy skies with highs in the lows 70s. Winds from the SE 7-14.

**Summary:** **Alex Cejka** claimed his first KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship victory and second consecutive major championship title of the year with a four-stroke win over **Tim Petrovic**. With the victory, Cejka becomes the first PGA TOUR Champions player to win his first two major starts since **Arnold Palmer** (1980-81), and the first rookie to win two majors since **Jack Nicklaus** in 1990.

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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Schwab Cup
1.	Alex Cejka	-8	67-70-68-67 – 272	\$585,000	No. 12
2.	Tim Petrovic	-4	72-69-68-67 – 276	\$347,000	No. 10
T3.	Retief Goosen	-3	69-72-70-66 – 277	\$182,500	No. 7
T3.	K.J. Choi	-3	68-70-71-68 – 277	\$182,500	No. 33

#### Quick Links:

- [Final standings](#)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](http://PGATOURmedia.com) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

#### Alex Cejka, 67-70-68-67 – 272 (-8)

- Trailing by one at the start of the day, Cejka carded five birdies and two bogeys to post a 3-under 67 in the final round and cruise to a four-shot victory.
- With the victory, Cejka becomes the first player to win his first two major starts since Arnold Palmer (1980-81), and the first rookie to win two majors since Jack Nicklaus in 1990.
- His first victory at the Regions Tradition earlier this month broke a winless streak of more than 2,254 days, dating back to the 2015 Puerto Rico Open. His second win would take just 21 days.
- With the \$585,000 winner's check, Cejka more than doubles his season earnings to \$1,112,140 and moves from No. 32 to No. 12 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

- Cejka becomes the first player to win back-to-back major titles since Bernhard Langer in 2017 (Regions Tradition, Senior PGA Championship).
- He becomes the first player to win in their first KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship appearance since Colin Montgomerie in 2014.
- Seven of Cejka's eight major championship rounds have been in the 60s, with an average score of 67.75.
- He is now the 11<sup>th</sup> international player to win a KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship title.
- He becomes the eighth player to win multiple titles during the 2020-21 season.
- He had 23 starts in majors on the PGA TOUR, recording two top-10s and a fourth place best finish at the 2003 PGA Championship at Oak Hill Country Club.
- With his second win of the season, Cejka extends his eligibility on PGA TOUR Champions through the end of 2023.
- Cejka also earned a berth into the 2022 PGA Championship at Southern Hills Country Club, as well as a lifetime exemption into the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

#### **Tim Petrovic, 72-69-68-67 – 276 (-4)**

- Petrovic's 3-under par 67 on Sunday was his lowest round in a major since the 2019 Senior Open Championship.
- It was his second runner-up finish in four starts at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (2018 & 2021).
- Petrovic has now finished inside the top-10 in four of his five last starts, including a pair of runner-ups.
- Still searching for his first win on PGA TOUR Champions, the 54-year-old owns eight runner-up finishes, 16 top-10s and is currently ranked No. 10 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

#### **K.J. Choi, 68-70-71-68 – 277 (-3)**

- Choi posted a final round 2-under 68 to finish T4 in his first major appearance on PGA TOUR Champions.
- The 2011 PLAYERS Championship winner with eight PGA TOUR titles had two prior starts at Southern Hills Country Club:
  - 1996 TOUR Championship: MC
  - 2007 PGA Championship: T12
- It was the South Korean native's ninth overall start on PGA TOUR Champions and his third top-10.

#### **Retief Goosen, 69-72-70-66 – 277 (-3)**

- Goosen hit 13 of 14 fairways on Sunday, en route to posting the lowest round of the day, a 4-under 67.
- It was his second top-5 finish in two starts at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (4<sup>th</sup>, 2019).
- The South African native won the first major of his career, the 2001 U.S. Open Championship, at Southern Hills after beating Mark Brooks in an 18-hole playoff by two strokes.
- The 52-year-old won the 2019 Bridgestone SENIOR PLAYERS Championship and has eight top-10 and a pair of runner-up finishes this season. He is currently ranked No. 7 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

#### **Other Notes**

- Overnight leader **Steve Stricker** closed with 7-over 77, his highest round in 31 starts on PGA TOUR Champions, to finish T11.
- Despite needing just 27 putts in the final round, **Mike Weir** carded four birdies and six bogeys to finish with a 2-over par 74 for the day and T5 (-1) for the week.
- **Bob Sowards** led the group of 35 PGA club professionals in the field and finished the week T5 (+2).
- **John Reigger** carded rounds of 68-73-71-67—278 to finish T5, his second consecutive top-10 finish at the event.
- Defending champion **Ken Tanigawa** failed to advance to the weekend.
- **Jeff Sluman** led the group of seven past PGA Championship winners in the field, finishing the week T23 (+6).
- Current Charles Schwab Cup leader and 2017 Senior PGA Championship winner **Bernhard Langer** finished the week at T50 (+10).