



## PURE Insurance Championship

Pebble Beach Golf Links & Spyglass Hill Golf Course | Pebble Beach, Calif. | September 20-26, 2021

### Final-Round Notes

Sunday, September 26, 2021

**Pebble Beach Golf Links:** Par 72 / 6,864 yards (R3: 71.679; Cumulative: 71.437)

**Weather:** Cloudy skies in the morning gave way to afternoon sun. Highs in the mid-upper 60s. Winds out of the WNW at 4-8 mph.

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**Summary:** **K.J. Choi** secured his first PGA TOUR Champions title after cruising to a two-stroke victory over **Bernhard Langer** and **Alex Cejka** at the 2021 PURE Insurance Championship in Pebble Beach, California.

	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Charles Schwab Cup
1	K.J. Choi	-13	67-68-68 – 203 (-13)	\$330,000	21st
T2	Bernhard Langer	-11	71-66-68 – 205 (-11)	\$176,000	1st
T2	Alex Cejka	-11	66-71-68 – 205 (-11)	\$176,000	12th
4	Scott Dunlap	-10	72-68-66 – 206 (-10)	\$130,000	51st
T5	Steven Alker	-9	71-69-67 – 207 (-9)	\$96,250	59th
T5	Paul Stankowski	-9	70-69-68 – 207 (-9)	\$96,250	66th

**Quick Links:**

- [PGA TOUR Champions Final Standings](#) | [Pro-Junior Final Standings](#) | [Pro-Amateur Final Standings](#)
- [PGATOURmedia.com](http://PGATOURmedia.com) (transcripts and other resources available for download)

**K.J. Choi, 67-68-68 – 203 (-13)**

- Starting the round with a two stroke lead, Choi carded six birdies to post a 31 on the front before a bogey at the par-5 No. 14 – his first in 39 holes – and finishing with a 4-under 68.
- His first victory on PGA TOUR Champions comes in his 15<sup>th</sup> start, one week after finishing runner-up to **Darren Clarke** in a two-hole playoff at the Sanford International (Sioux Falls, South Dakota).
- With the victory, Choi becomes the first PGA TOUR Champions winner from South Korea.
- Choi becomes the fourth international player to win the PURE Insurance Championship in its 18-year history, joining **Bernhard Langer** (Germany), **Paul Broadhurst** (England) and **Esteban Toledo** (Mexico).
- It was Choi's first win in the United States in 211 starts dating back to the 2011 PLAYERS Championship, breaking a winless streak of 3,787 days (10 years, 4 months, 11 days).
- Choi, who turned 51 on May 19, becomes the 11<sup>th</sup> rookie to win on PGA TOUR Champions during the 2020-21 season (last rookie to win: Cameron Beckmann).

- There have now been 13 first-time winners on PGA TOUR Champions during the 2020-21 season.
- Choi won eight times on the PGA TOUR and 10 international titles, most recently at the 2012 CJ Invitational hosted by K.J. Choi on the Asian Tour.
- Choi now has six top-10s during the 2020-21 wraparound season and moves from No. 31 to No. 21 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

**Bernhard Langer, 71-66-68 – 205 (-11)**

- Entering the final round two back, Langer shot 4-under 68 on Sunday to finish two strokes behind **K.J. Choi**.
- It was the 2017 PURE Insurance Championship winner’s fourth runner-up finish during the 2020-21 season.
- He has one win (2020 Cologuard Classic) and 21 top-10s in 34 starts during the 2020-21 season.
- Langer turned 64 on August 27 and is a 41-time winner on PGA TOUR Champions (second-most all time).
- With his \$176,000 second place check, the World Golf Hall of Fame member regained the top spot of the Charles Schwab Cup standings for the 17<sup>th</sup> week this season.
- This is Langer’s 39<sup>th</sup> runner-up finish all-time on PGA TOUR Champions. He has finished first or second on 80 occasions in 289 starts (27.7%)
- With his 68 today, Langer extended his current streak of rounds of par or better to 24 (current best on Tour).

**Alex Cejka, 66-71-68 – 205 (-11)**

- Cejka birdied four of his first five holes and posted a 4-under 68 in the final round.
- Led field in greens in regulation this week, hitting 46 of 54 (85.2%).
- In 15 starts this season, Cejka has two victories (2021 Regions Tradition and 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship), two runner-ups and six top-10 finishes.
- Cejka moves up four spots to No. 12 in Charles Schwab Cup (\$1,639,257).

**Other Notes**

- **Scott Dunlap** carded six consecutive birdies right out of the gate (Nos. 1-6), followed by another birdie on No. 10 and a bogey on No. 17 en route to a 6-under 66 on Sunday, which vaulted him 21 spots to a fourth-place finish.
  - His streak of six birdies ties this season’s record set by **Glen Day** at the 2021 Chubb Classic (Rd. 1, Nos. 5-10).
- In his PGA TOUR Champions debut, first-round co-leader **Stuart Appleby** carded rounds of 66-77-72 (T34).
- New Zealand’s **Steven Alker** extended his consecutive top-10 finishes to five with his T5 finish start in his fifth PGA TOUR Champions career start. With the top-10 finish, Alker earned a berth into the next event, the Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS, in Jacksonville, Florida (October 4-10).
- The team of **Sydney Craven** (First Tee – Monterey County) and **Tim Petrovic** won the Pro-Junior division (team net best ball) at 26-under.
- Playing a net best ball with their juniors and pros, **Matthew Schreibeis** and **Steven Pincus**, won the amateur division at 38-under.
- Final standings for the seven past champions of the PURE Insurance Championship in the field:

Past Champions	2021 Finish
Kirk Triplett (2019, 2013, 2012)	T29
Jeff Sluman (2008, 2009, 2011)	T43
Ken Tanigawa (2018)	T13
Bernhard Langer (2017)	T2
Paul Broadhurst (2016)	T34
Esteban Toledo (2015)	T34
John Cook (2014)	53