



## PURE Insurance Championship

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

### First-Round Notes

Friday, September 24, 2021

**Pebble Beach Golf Links:** Par 72 / 6,946 yards (R1: 71.707)

**Spyglass Hill Golf Course:** Par 72 / 6,928 yards (R1: 73.550)

**Weather:** Early patchy fog and mostly cloudy skies. Highs in the mid-60s. Winds out of the WSW at 6-12mph.

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**Note:** The start of the morning wave's round at Pebble Beach was delayed 20 minutes due to fog.

	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Stuart Appleby (PB)	-6	33-33 – 66 (-6)
T1	Alex Cejka (PB)	-6	32-34 – 66 (-6)
T3	Tom Lehman (PB)	-5	35-32 – 67 (-5)
T3	K.J. Choi (SH)	-5	35-32 – 67 (-5)
T5	Four players	-4	

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**Stuart Appleby, 33-33-66 (-6) | Pebble Beach**

- In his PGA TOUR Champions debut, Appleby carded seven birdies and one bogey at the par-3 No. 12 en route to posting a 6-under 66.
- This week mark's the 25-year TOUR veteran's first start since the Puerto Rico Open (T49) in February 2019.
- A native of Australia, Appleby owns nine PGA TOUR titles, including three back-to-back victories at the calendar-opening Sentry Tournament of Champions in Maui, Hawaii (2004-2006).
- In 2010, during the final round of the inaugural Greenbrier Classic, Appleby became the fifth player in history to card a 59 in an official PGA TOUR event.
- He had 69 top-10s in 551 starts on the PGA TOUR and is currently ranked No. 44 in all-time money (\$29,828,521).
- Appleby made nine starts at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am with a best finish of T15 in 2011.
- Should he go on to win on Sunday, he would become the 21<sup>st</sup> player to win in his PGA TOUR Champions debut (most recent: Phil Mickelson, 2020 Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National).

### **Alex Cejka, 32-34-66 (-6) | Pebble Beach**

- Cejka's 6-under 66 was the only bogey-free round at either course on Friday.
- In 14 starts this season, Cejka has two victories (2021 Regions Tradition and 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship), one runner-up and five top-10 finishes.
- A native of Germany, Cejka is a four-time winner on the European Tour who earned a Korn Ferry Tour victory at the 2014 Colombia Championship and a PGA TOUR title at the 2015 Puerto Rico Open.
- He is currently No. 16 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.

### **Tom Lehman, 35-32-67 (-5) | Pebble Beach**

- Starting the day on No. 10, Lehman made four consecutive birdies at Nos. 14-17 en route to posting a 4-under 32 on his outward nine.
- The 62-year-old hit 13 of 14 fairways en route to carding a 5-under 67 in the opening round.
- A two-time winner of the Charles Schwab Cup (2011, 2012), Lehman owns 12 titles, 11 runner-up finishes and 88 top-10s on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Lehman has three top-10 finishes this year and is currently No. 47 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- A five-time PGA TOUR winner, Lehman competed on three U.S. Ryder Cup teams (1995, 1997, 1999) and served as captain at the 2006 event held at The K Club in Straffan, Ireland.

### **K.J. Choi, 35-32 - 67 (-5) | Spyglass**

- South Korea native Choi had the best round of the day at Spyglass Hill, posting a 5-under 67 on Friday.
- At last week's Sanford International in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Choi held a two-shot lead entering the final round, but wound up losing on the second playoff hole to Darren Clarke.
- Making his 15th start on PGA TOUR Champions, Choi has five top-10s and is currently ranked No. 31 in Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Choi's last win on the PGA TOUR was THE PLAYERS Championship in 2011. In all, Choi won eight times on the PGA TOUR.

### **Other Notes**

- **Paul Goydos** made a hole-in-one at the par-3 No. 3 at Spyglass Hill with a 7-iron from 174 yards. It was Goydos' second ace of the 2020-21 wraparound season (Rd. 3, 2020 TimberTech Championship).
- Three of the PURE Insurance Championship's seven past champions in the field are inside the top 10 after 18 holes, including three-time winner Kirk Triplett who posted a 4-under 68 at Pebble Beach:
  - **Esteban Toledo** (2014): T5/-4 (PB)
  - **Kirk Triplett** (2019, 2013, 2012): T5/-4 (PB)
  - **Ken Tanigawa** (2018): T9/-3 (SH)
- The team of **Sydnee Gaines** and **Tom Lehman** lead the Pro-Junior division (team net best ball) after finishing with a 10-under 62 at Pebble Beach on Friday.
- Playing a net best ball with their juniors and pros, two amateur teams are tied with a 15-under 57, **Steve Green** and **Mark Richard** (Pebble Beach), along with **Ben Lerhoff** and **Gil Lai** (Pebble Beach).
- After 36 holes, the low 50 (and ties) professionals, top 23 pro-junior teams and top-10 amateur teams will advance to the final round on Sunday at Pebble Beach.