

KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship

First-Round Notes

Thursday, May 26, 2022

Harbor Shores Resort | Benton Harbor, Michigan

10th of 27 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2022 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,802 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 72.20
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy with a high of 73 and winds S at 10-15 mph
- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#)
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| | Player | To Par | Scores |
|----|-----------------|--------|------------|
| T1 | Steven Alker | -7 | 32-32 – 64 |
| T1 | Bob Estes | -7 | 31-33 – 64 |
| T3 | Paul Claxton | -6 | 32-33 – 65 |
| T3 | Mike Weir | -6 | 34-31 – 65 |
| T5 | Duffy Waldorf | -5 | 32-34 – 66 |
| T5 | Robert Karlsson | -5 | 34-32 – 66 |

Things to Know

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steven Alker**, seeking his third win of the season, and **Bob Estes** share the first-round lead after each opening with 7-under 64.

Steven Alker, 32-32 – 64 (-7)

- Carded his second-lowest 18-hole score of the season (26 rounds)
 - Marks his 15th consecutive round of par or better
 - Has posted par or better in 25 of his 26 rounds this season
- This is his third time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 1-for-2 converting those into victories
 - T4/2021 Dominion Energy Charity Classic
 - Won/2022 Insuperity Invitational
- Charles Schwab Cup leader seeks his third win in his last five starts on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Would be the most by any player on the Champions Tour in the 2022 season
 - Has four consecutive top-3 finishes entering the week
 - Finished T3 in his senior major debut at the Regions Tradition earlier this month
- Has been inside the top-5 after 32 of his 57 rounds on PGA TOUR Champions
- Owns three wins and 15 top-10s on PGA TOUR Champions (18 starts)

Bob Estes, 31-33 – 64 (-7)

- Matched his lowest 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (226 rounds)
 - R3/2020 Chubb Classic, R2/2022 Rapiscan Systems Classic
- This is his first time leading/co-leading after any round on PGA TOUR Champions
- Making his seventh start of the season, his best finish is fourth (Rapiscan Systems Classic)
- Has two top-10s in three starts at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
 - Best finish: T5 (2017)
- Seeking his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (72nd start)
 - Best finish: 2nd (2020 Chubb Classic), T2 (2019 Sanford International)

| | Position After Second Round Rapiscan Systems Classic | Position After First Round Senior PGA Championship |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Steven Alker | 1st | T1 |
| Bob Estes | 2nd | T1 |

Other Notes

- **Mike Weir** and PGA club professional **Paul Claxton** (Georgia Section) are T3 at 6-under 65.
 - Weir finished T5 in his KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship debut last year.
 - Claxton is making his fourth appearance in the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, and his seventh start on PGA TOUR Champions. His best finish is T36 (2018 Cologuard Classic).
- **Duffy Waldorf** and **Robert Karlsson** are T5 at 5-under 66.
- Charles Schwab No. 2 **Miguel Angel Jimenez**, seeking his third win of the season, is among the 10 players sitting T7 at 4-under.
- 2017 champion and Charles Schwab No. 5 **Bernhard Langer** is T17 at 3-under 68.
- Defending champion **Alex Cejka** opened with 3-under 68 and sits T17.