

## 2023 Hoag Classic



### First-Round Notes

Friday, March 17, 2023

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California  
5th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,821 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 69.256
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy, with a high of 62. Wind WSW 6-12 mph, gusting to 16 mph
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	Player	To Par	Score
T1	Chris DiMarco	-7	31-33—64
T1	Miguel Angel Jimenez	-7	31-33—64
T1	Bernhard Langer	-7	30-34—64
T4	Doug Barron	-6	33-32—65
T4	Mike Weir	-6	33-32—65

#### Things to Know

- In his bid for a PGA TOUR Champions record 46<sup>th</sup> title, **Bernhard Langer** opens with a bogey-free 7-under 64
- At age 65, **Langer's** 7-under 64 marks the ninth occasion of shooting or bettering his age (1002 total rounds)
- With birdies on five of his first nine holes, **Chris DiMarco** cards a 7-under 64
- **Miguel Angel Jimenez** birdies his last two holes for his lowest PGA TOUR Champions score since August 2022
- Defending Hoag Classic champion **Retief Goosen** sits T28 at 2-under 69

#### Bernhard Langer (T1/-7)

- Making his 12<sup>th</sup> start in the Hoag Classic, the 2008 champion birdied five of his first eight holes en route to a bogey-free 7-under 64.
- Langer seeks a PGA TOUR Champions record 46<sup>th</sup> title, breaking his tie with Hale Irwin.
- Langer claims an 18-hole lead for the 40<sup>th</sup> time on PGA TOUR Champions; of those, he has converted for the win on 19 occasions.
- Langer hit 12-of-14 fairways and 16-of-18 greens in regulation (28 putts).
- Langer is making his 12<sup>th</sup> start in the Hoag Classic and comes off a T8 in 2022.

#### Chris DiMarco (T1/-7)

- With birdies on five of his first nine holes (Nos. 10-18), Chris DiMarco opened his fourth Hoag Classic with a 7-under 64.
- His best of three previous finishes in the event was T13/2020.
- DiMarco comes off a T16 finish at the Cologuard Classic, where he posted a second-round 9-under 63.
- DiMarco is in search of his first PGA TOUR Champions title in his 91<sup>st</sup> start; best: T4/2020 The Ally Challenge.

#### Miguel Angel Jimenez (T1/-7)

- With birdies on his last two holes, Nos. 17 and 18, Miguel Angel Jimenez signed for a 7-under 64 in his bid for a fourth consecutive top-15 finish in the Hoag Classic (2019/14<sup>th</sup>, 2020/T13, 2022/T15).
- Making his fourth start of the season on PGA TOUR Champions, Jimenez has not finished higher than T16 (Cologuard Classic).

- Jimenez seeks a 14<sup>th</sup> career PGA TOUR Champions title and first since the 2022 Boeing Classic.

**Other Notes**

- After birdies on his first three holes (Nos. 1-3), **Fred Couples** opened his ninth Hoag Classic with a 5-under 66 (T6); the 2010 and 2014 Hoag Classic champion has never finished outside the top-10 in the event.
- Making his Hoag Classic debut, **Steve Stricker** cards a bogey-free 5-under 66 (T6); in the starts this season before this week, has finished 1<sup>st</sup>/Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, T2/Chubb Classic and T8/Cologuard Classic.
- With a 4-under 67, good for T13, **David Duval** opens with his PGA TOUR Champions career-low score (66 rounds); in his only previous Hoag Classic start, finished 74<sup>th</sup> in 2022 (73-76-75—234/+11).
- Newly nominated World Golf Hall of Fame Member **Padraig Harrington** opened his first Hoag Classic with a 2-under 69 (T28).