

2024 Kaulig Companies Championship



First-Round Notes

Thursday, July 11, 2024

Firestone Country Club (South Course) | Akron, Ohio

16th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 70 / 7,068 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.891
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny with temps in the low-80s and winds NNW at 7-14 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Steve Stricker	-4	33-33 – 66
T1	Duffy Waldorf	-4	33-33 – 66
T3	Richard Green	-3	32-35 – 67
T3	Kenny Perry	-3	36-31 – 67
T5	Five players tied	-2	

Things to Know

- Aiming to win the Kaulig Companies Championship for the third time in four years, **Steve Stricker** co-leads after opening with 4-under 66. **Duffy Waldorf**, seeking his first win since 2016, shares the first-round lead with Stricker.

Steve Stricker, 33-33 – 66 (-4)

- This is his 12th time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 6-for-11 converting those into victories (4-for-6 in 72-hole events)
- The 57-year-old seeks his 18th win on PGA TOUR Champions (73rd start)
 - A win would move him into T14 on the all-time PGA TOUR Champions wins list
 - Last win: 2023 Sanford International
- Seeks his eighth senior major title, which would move him into T3 on the all-time list
 - Last senior major win: 2023 Kaulig Companies Championship
- Looks to become the second three-time winner of the Kaulig Companies Championship (2021, 2023)
 - Would join Bernhard Langer (2014, 2015, 2016)
- Has been inside the top 5 after 12 of the last 13 rounds at the Kaulig Companies Championship, including finishes
- Making his 10th start of the 2024 season, he has eight top-10 finishes and entered the week No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
 - Best finish of 2024: 2nd (American Family Insurance Championship)

Steve Stricker at the Kaulig Companies Championship

Year	First-Round Position	Finish
2019	1st	6th
2020	T1	T23
2021	1st	Won
2022	T19	2nd
2023	T1	Won
2024	T1	

Duffy Waldorf, 33-33 – 66 (-4)

- This is his low 18-hole score of the 2024 season (31st round)
 - Previous low: 67 (Cologuard Classic, 2nd Round)
- This is his fifth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 0-for-4 converting those into victories
- The 61-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (261st start)
 - Last win: 2016 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- Making his 12th start of the 2024 season, his best finish is T16 (Insperity Invitational)
- Making his 12th appearance at the Kaulig Companies Championship, he has two top-10 finishes
 - Best finish: T2 (2013 at Fox Chapel Golf Club)

Other Notes

- 2013 champion **Kenny Perry** birdied four of his first five holes en route to 3-under 67 and sits T3. The 63-year-old seeks his 11th win on PGA TOUR Champions (202nd start).
 - Last win: 2018 3M Championship
- Seeking his first win on PGA TOUR Champions, **Richard Green** sits T3 after opening with 3-under 67. This is the third consecutive senior major Green has been inside the top 3 after the first round.
 - Was T1 at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (finished 2nd)
 - Was T1 at the U.S. Senior Open (finished 3rd)
- Five players are T5 at 2-under: Charles Schwab No. 2 **Steven Alker, Steve Flesch, Tim O'Neal, Paul Stankowski** and **Angel Cabrera**.
- 2018 champion **Vijay Singh** is one of seven players T10 at 1-under. The World Golf Hall of Fame member won the 2008 WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, held at Firestone Country Club.
- Two-time champion **Jerry Kelly** (2020, 2022) sits T27 after shooting 1-over 71.
- There were no eagles or bogey-free rounds recorded on Thursday.

Next year's tournament dates

- The dates for next year's Kaulig Companies Championship have been announced. The event will take place June 18-22, 2025, at Firestone Country Club.