

2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship



First-Round Notes

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Golf Club at Harbor Shores | Benton Harbor, Michigan

11th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Round 1 Course Setup:** 36-35—71 (6,790 yards)
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 72.46
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 77. Wind W 5-10 mph.
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score
T1	Richard Green	-7	32-32—64
T1	Richard Bland	-7	30-34—64
T3	Mike Weir	-5	34-32—66
T3	Steve Stricker	-5	32-34—66
T3	K.J. Choi	-5	36-30—66
T3	Jeff Schmid	-5	34-32—66
T3	Scott Dunlap	-5	32-34—66

Things to Know

- **Richard Green** posts his lowest score of the season, a 7-under 64, in his bid for a first PGA TOUR Champions victory.
- Defending champion **Steve Stricker** opens with a 5-under 66 in an effort to claim his first win of the season and sixth top-10 finish in his seventh start of 2024.

Richard Green, 32-32—64 (-7)

- Making his third start in the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, offset one bogey with six birdies and an eagle (par-5 fifth) to open with a 7-under 64.
- The 64 marks his lowest score on PGA TOUR Champions this season (26 rounds) and comes in his first round since closing the Regions Tradition with a 6-under 66 (T14).
- Hit all 13 fairways and 17-of-18 greens in regulation en route to the 64.
- Prior to a T37 last year, missed the cut in his first start of 2022 at Harbor Shores following rounds of 72-74 (+4).
- On the only other occasion to hold an 18-hole lead/co-lead on PGA TOUR Champions, finished T41 at the 2023 PURE Insurance Championship; best 18-hole positions in Champions Tour majors: T5/2023 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (finished T37) and T5/2023 U.S. Senior Open (finished T27).
- Best finish in 38 PGA TOUR Champions starts: P2/2023 Dominion Energy Charity Classic.
- Two top-10 finishes in nine starts this season, both T9s, came in his first two starts of the season (Chubb Classic, Trophy Hassan II).

Richard Bland, 30-34—64 (-7)

- Making his first start on PGA TOUR Champions, 51-year-old Englishman used five birdies and an eagle (par-5 15th) to sign for a bogey-free 7-under 64.

- Primarily on the DP World Tour most of his career, made 13 PGA TOUR starts between 1998-2003; lone top-10 finish on TOUR, a T9, came at the 2022 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play.
- In lone PGA Championship start, missed the cut in 2022
- With his win at the 2021 Betfred British Masters, at the age of 48, became the oldest first-time winner on the DP World Tour.

Steve Stricker, 32-34—66 (-5)

- The defending champion's only blemish, a double bogey on the par-4 16th, was offset by seven birdies, good for a 5-under 66.
- In 342 holes this season, the 16th hole in today's round one becomes only his second single-hole score worse than a bogey (R3/Cologuard Classic/14th hole/double bogey).
- Seeks an 18th PGA TOUR Champions win – and first of the 2024 season – in his 70th PGA TOUR Champions start this week.
- Has finished inside the top-10 on five of six occasions this season (T32/Cologuard Classic)
- Dating to the end of last season, has made seven consecutive starts without a victory, matching his longest winless streak on PGA TOUR Champions (two other occasions).
- Is making his fourth start in the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship (1st/2023, T11/2021, T41/2019)
- Angling to join Hale Irwin (1996-1998) and Colin Montgomerie (2014-2015) as players who have successfully defended a KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship title since 1975.

Other Notes

- Presidents Cup International Team Captain **Mike Weir** mixed six birdies with one bogey to open his fourth KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship in 5-under 66 (T4); best of the first three: T4 in 2022 at Harbor Shores.
- After an even-par 36 on his outgoing nine holes, **K.J. Choi** birdied Nos. 10-12 and 14-16 before ending his round with a bogey, resulting in a 5-under 66 (T4).
- After last year's third-place finish in the event, **Stewart Cink** used two eagles and two birdies against two bogeys to sign for a 4-under 67 (T8).
- Coming off a T8 last year, 61-year-old World Golf Hall of Fame Member **Vijay Singh** opened his sixth KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship in 4-under 67 (T8); a win this week would come 20 years after capturing his second of two PGA Championship titles (1998, 2004).
- Making his 14th start in the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and still on the mend from a torn Achilles, 2017 winner **Bernhard Langer** was 1-under through 15 holes before a double bogey-bogey-bogey finish resulted in a 3-over 74.
- **John Daly** withdrew before his first round due to a thumb injury and was replaced in the field by Corebridge Financial Team member, **Mike Stone**; **Michael Campbell** withdrew before his first round; **Mark Calcavecchia** withdrew during round one.