

# 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship



## Second-Round Notes

Friday, May 24, 2024

Harbor Shores Golf Club | Benton Harbor, Michigan

11<sup>th</sup> of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Round 2 Course Setup:** 36-35—71 (6,775 yards)
- **Scoring Average:** 72.58
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy. High of 82. Wind SE 10-15 mph, with gusts to 20 mph. Due to a potentially dangerous weather situation, round two was suspended for from 3:20-4:49 p.m.
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score
1	Richard Bland	-12	64-66—130
2	Scott Dunlap	-11	66-65—131
3	Chris DiMarco	-9	68-65—133
T4	Brian Gay	-8	67-67—134
T4	Ernie Els	-8	70-64—134

### Things to Know

- **36-hole cut:** 85 players at 3-over 145.
- Third-round tee times will be approximately 8:15-10:40 a.m. off tee Nos. 1 and 10.
- On the strength of 32-of-36 greens in regulation through two rounds, first-round co-leader **Richard Bland** takes the outright lead headed into the weekend of his first PGA TOUR Champions event.
- In just his second event since winning last month's Insperity Invitational, **Scott Dunlap's** 11-under 131 start falls one stroke shy of his lowest 36-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions.
- **Ernie Els** ties the low score through 36 holes with a 7-under 64, jumping 34 spots to T4 at 8-under 134.
- After a 5-under 66 to start his title defense, **Steve Stricker** birdies three of his last five holes to sign for a 2-under 69 and reach T6 at 7-under 135; dating to the end of last season, has made seven consecutive starts without a victory, matching his longest winless streak on PGA TOUR Champions.

### Richard Bland (1<sup>st</sup>/-12)

- Making his first start on PGA TOUR Champions, the 51-year-old followed an opening-round 7-under 64 with a 66 in Friday's second round, moving him into the weekend at 12-under 130.
- Through 36 holes, has hit 21-of-26 fairways and, for the second straight round, missed just two greens in regulation.
- Became eligible for this week's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship by virtue of his win at the 2021 Betfred British Masters on the DP World Tour. In addition to the invite, that victory – claimed at the age of 48 – in his 478<sup>th</sup> DP World Tour start, distinguished him as that Tour's oldest first-time winner.
- Having competed primarily on the DP World Tour early on, 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.

### Other Player Notes

- At 11-under 131 (2<sup>nd</sup>), **Scott Dunlap** seeks a third PGA TOUR Champions victory in just his second start since winning last month's Insperity Invitational; by comparison, it took 10 years and 190 starts between his first win at the 2014 Boeing Classic and last month's win in Houston.
- Highlighted by five birdies and an eagle, **Chris DiMarco** carded a 6-under 65 to move to 9-under 133 (3<sup>rd</sup>); best finish in four previous KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship starts: T29/2022; most recent of four top-10 finishes on PGA TOUR Champions came in August of 2020.
- Seeking a first top-10 finish in his fourth start in the event, **Ernie Els** (T4/-8) made a dramatic improvement from a 1-under 70 in round one to a 7-under 64 in round two; followed birdies on five of his first six holes with seven straight pars, before ending his round with birdies on three of his last five holes.
- Making his third start in the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, **Brian Gay** opened with matching 4-under 67s to reach 8-under 134 (T4); prior to a missed cut in last year's event, finished T8 in 2022 at Harbor Shores Golf Club; 12 top-10 finishes in 41 starts on PGA TOUR Champions, but remains in search of his first win.
- **Richard Green** followed a 7-under 64 in round one with a 71 and will head into round three at 7-under 135 (T6); missed just one green in regulation in round one, as opposed to hitting 10-of-18 in round two.
- After last year's third-place finish in the event, **Stewart Cink** opens the 2024 edition in 67-68 and sits T6 at 7-under 135.
- In one of the more interesting ways to shoot a 3-under 68, **Greg Chalmers** made eight pars and one birdie on his outgoing nine (Nos. 10-18), before carding six birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey on his inward nine; he heads into round three at 5-under 137 (T13).
- Making his 14<sup>th</sup> start in the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship and still on the mend from a torn Achilles, 2017 winner **Bernhard Langer** posted scores of 74-71 to make the cut on the number.
- **Jeff Brehaut** (shoulder injury) and **Thongchai Jaidee** withdrew before the second round.