

2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship



Final-Round Notes

Sunday, May 26, 2024

Harbor Shores Golf Club | Benton Harbor, Michigan

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

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- **Round 4 Course Setup:** 36-35—71 (6,790 yards)
- **Scoring Averages: R1:** 72.48 / **R2:** 72.58 / **R3:** 72.59 / **R4:** 71.45 / **cumulative:** 72.39
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy, with a high of 76. Initial wind ESE, then SW, 12-15 mph, with gusts to 22 mph. Due to lightning in the area, play was suspended from 2:20-3:40 p.m.
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score	Purse Share
1	Richard Bland	-17	64-66-74-63—267	\$670,000
2	Richard Green	-14	64-71-70-65—270	\$378,000
3	Greg Chalmers	-13	69-68-66-68—271	\$238,000
T4	Scott Hend	-12	68-68-70-66—272	\$154,000
T4	Jason Caron	-12	69-70-67-66—272	\$154,000

Things to Know

- In his first start on PGA TOUR Champions, 51-year-old **Richard Bland** follows a 3-over 74 in round three with an 8-under 63 in Sunday's final round – the week's low score – to emerge victorious via an invitation to compete resulting from his lone DP World Tour win in his 478th start.
- In his fifth start on PGA TOUR Champions, **Greg Chalmers** finishes third, marking his third top-10 of the season, as well as his best finish of any PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour or PGA TOUR Champions start since claiming his lone TOUR title at the 2016 Barracuda Championship.
- Defending champion **Steve Stricker** remains in search of his first win of the season after settling this week for 8th-place honors at 10-under 274.

Richard Bland (1st/-17)

- Making his first start on PGA TOUR Champions, the 51-year-old followed a lead-tying 7-under 64 in round one with scores of 66 and 74 in rounds two and three, respectively, before closing with an 8-under 63, the low score among the field for the week; took the outright lead after eagling the par-5 15th for the second time this week (round one).
- The 3-shot margin of victory marks the largest on PGA TOUR Champions since Stephen Ames won the Chubb Classic by the same amount.
- With the win, becomes the first player to win the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship in his first start on PGA TOUR Champions since Michael Allen achieved the feat in 2009.
- Becomes the first player to win the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship in his first start since Steven Alker in 2022.
- Becomes the first player to win in his PGA TOUR Champions debut since Phil Mickelson in 2020.
- 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 478th 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.
- In spite of the win, because of competing in an unauthorized event by the PGA TOUR, he will be ineligible for TOUR-affiliated events. The PGA of America, USGA and R&A each operate based on criteria of their own.

Other Player Notes

- First-round co-leader (7-under 64) **Richard Green** made five eagles this week on his way to a 6-under 65 and second at 14-under 270, marking his ninth top-10 finish (39 starts) and best since a playoff loss at the 2023 Dominion Energy Classic.
- In his fifth career start on PGA TOUR Champions, **Greg Chalmers** finished third at 13-under 271; the finish marks his third top-10 this season: T7/Cologuard Classic, T9/The Galleri Classic, T2/KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship; most recently before this week, finished T12 at the Invited Celebrity Classic.
- Seeking a first top-10 finish in his fourth start in the event, World Golf Hall of Fame Member **Ernie Els** closed with a 1-uder 70 to finish T6 at 11-under 273; drops to 1-for-8 when carrying at least a share of the lead into a final round on PGA TOUR Champions; this week's finish marks his third top-10 in eight starts this season (T3s/Chubb Classic, Regions Tradition).
- In his first PGA TOUR Champions start, 51-year-old former PGA TOUR player, **Jason Caron**, followed a 4-under 67 in round three with a 5-under 66 to finish T4 at 12-under 272; by virtue of his T32 finish in the 2023 Senior PGA Professional Championship, secured his spot on the Corebridge Financial Team for this week's event; competed on the PGA TOUR full time in 2000 and 2003, making 29 starts each season, highlighted by one top-25 each season.
- **Steve Stricker** closed his title defense with a 3-under 68 to finish solo-eighth at 10-under 274; with the finish, collects a sixth top-10 of the season in his seventh start; was seeking an 18th PGA TOUR Champions win, and first of 2024; dating to the end of last season, has now made eight consecutive starts without a victory, translating to his longest winless streak on PGA TOUR Champions.
- After making the cut on the 3-over number in his continued recovery from a torn Achilles, 2017 winner **Bernhard Langer** closed with his second 3-over 74 of the week (round one) to finish T34 at even-par 284.