

PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee



First-Round Notes

Friday, September 20, 2024

Pebble Beach Golf Links | Pebble Beach, CA

Spyglass Hill Golf Course | Pebble Beach, CA

23rd of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Course Setup: Pebble Beach:** Par 72 / 6,858 yards | **Spyglass Hill:** Par 72 / 6,997 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average: Pebble Beach:** 70.475 | **Spyglass Hill:** 72.425
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy, with a high of 61. Wind WNW 6-10 mph.
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Pos.	Player	To Par	Score/Course
T1	Steven Alker	-7	33-32—65/SH
T1	Paul Goydos	-7	34-31—65/PB
T1	Justin Leonard	-7	34-31—65/PB
T4	Tom Pernice, Jr.	-6	34-32—66/PB
T4	Paul Broadhurst	-6	34-32—66/SH

Things to Know

- In his bid for a fourth top-5 finish in as many PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee starts, **Steven Alker** opens at Spyglass Hill with 7-under 65
- Seeking a first top-10 finish in his 11th start in the event, **Paul Goydos** includes six birdies and an eagle-2 in his round at Pebble Beach to claim a share of the lead at 7-under 65
- **Justin Leonard**, who finished second to Thongchai Jaidee last year via sudden death, opened his second PURE Insurance Championship at Pebble Beach with a 7-under 65

Justin Leonard (65/-7/PB)

- Following last year's playoff loss to Thongchai Jaidee, birdied four of his last five holes at Pebble Beach (Nos. 14-16, 18) to claim a share of the 7-under 65 lead
- Is 0-for-2 when trying to convert an 18-hole lead/co-lead into victory on PGA TOUR Champions
- Best finish in 39 PGA TOUR Champions starts is the P2 from the 2023 PURE Insurance Championship
- Second top-10 finish of the season, T4, came in his most recent start before this week at the Ascension Charity Classic
- Among 12 wins in 590 PGA TOUR starts were the 1997 Open Championship and 1998 PLAYERS

Steven Alker (65/-7/SH)

- Seeking a fourth top-5 finish in as many starts in the event, used eight birdies to open in 7-under 65 (SH)
- Previous tournament results: T5/2021, T2/2022, T5/2023
- Extends his perfect streak of sub-par scores in the event to 10; previous-best: 67/R3/2021
- Seeks a ninth career win on PGA TOUR Champions, second of the season (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai) and 13th top-10 finish in his 17th start this season
- His 12 top-10 finishes in 2024 trails that category's leader Stephen Ames by one
- 3-for-8 attempting to convert an 18-hole lead/co-lead into victory on PGA TOUR Champions in 54-hole events

Paul Goydos (65/-7/PB)

- Highlighted by an eagle-2 with a 6-iron from 161 yards at the par-4 first hole (his 10th of the day), the 60-year-old California native signed for a 7-under 65 at Pebble Beach in his 11th start in the event
- The 65 matches his low score in 30 rounds in the event (R3/2022)
- Best finish in 10 previous PURE Insurance Championship starts: T12/2022 (after closing with a 7-under 65)
- 2-for-7 attempting to convert an 18-hole lead/co-lead into victory in 54-hole events on PGA TOUR Champions
- Lone top-10 finish this season, a T9, came in Newport Beach, California at the Hoag Classic
- Is vying for a sixth career win on PGA TOUR Champions and first since the 2017 3M Championship; a win this week would come in his 152nd start since the 2017 win at TPC Twin Cities
- Two wins in 511 PGA TOUR starts: 1996 Arnold Palmer Invitational, 2007 Sony Open in Hawaii

Miscellaneous Notes

- With birdies on two of his last three holes at Spyglass Hill (Nos. 16 and 17), 2016 PURE Insurance Championship winner **Paul Broadhurst** opened with a 6-under 66; in addition to the win in 2016, also finished inside the top-5 in 2019 (3rd); seeks a second win of the season (Invited Celebrity Classic) and seventh overall on PGA TOUR Champions
- Seeking a third top-10 finish in his 15th PURE Insurance Championship start, **Tom Pernice, Jr.** signed for a 6-under 66 at Pebble Beach, matching his lowest of 42 scores in the event; in his first start of 2010, he opened with a 6-under 66 en route to runner-up honors
- In his bid to join Jeff Sluman (2008-09) and Kirk Triplett (2012-13) as players to successfully defend a PURE Insurance Championship title, **Thongchai Jaidee** is T9 after opening with a 4-under 68 at Pebble Beach
- In his final event before retiring, 5-time AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am winner and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Mark O'Meara** opened with an 8-over 80; 284 PGA TOUR Champions starts include 17 at the PURE Insurance Championship, while 674 PGA TOUR starts featured 26 at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am

First Tee Participants

- The PURE Insurance Championship Impacting First Tee includes 80 First Tee members from 48 U.S. chapters who are paired with, and mentored by, PGA TOUR Champions players and amateurs from the business world. To be selected, juniors were measured in both golf proficiency and life skills knowledge
- The top 24 First Tee Juniors (12 male and 12 female) after 36 holes advance to Sunday's final round at Pebble Beach; the top junior male and female will be crowned after Sunday's final round
- In the First Tee junior portion of the competition, **Daniel Ferguson (PB)**, who is paired with Justin Leonard (T1), leads his division at 8-under 64, while **Gianna Singh (PB)**, partnered with World Golf Hall of Fame member Vijay Singh (T6) is atop the girls' leaderboard at 9-under 63