

2024 Galleri Classic presented by Spotlight 29 Casino



First-Round Notes

Friday, March 29, 2024

Mission Hills Country Club | Rancho Mirage, California

6th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,053 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.053
- **Weather:** Sunny with temps in the mid-70s and winds NW at 10-20 mph
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| | Player | To Par | Scores |
|----|--------------------|--------|------------|
| T1 | Steven Alker | -6 | 33-33 – 66 |
| T1 | Alex Cejka | -6 | 33-33 – 66 |
| T1 | Retief Goosen | -6 | 31-35 – 66 |
| 4 | Billy Andrade | -5 | 32-35 – 67 |
| T5 | Seven players tied | -4 | |

Things to Know

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steven Alker**, World Golf Hall of Fame member **Retief Goosen** and reigning Senior Open champion **Alex Cejka** share the first-round lead at The Galleri Classic presented by Spotlight 29 Casino.

Steven Alker, 33-33 – 66 (-6)

- This is his eighth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 4-for-7 converting those into victories
- The 52-year-old seeks his ninth win on PGA TOUR Champions (58th start)
 - Last win: 2024 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- Looks to become the first multi-time winner this season on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Note: this is the sixth event of the 2024 season
- Making his fifth start of the 2024 season, he has finished in the top 15 in each of his starts
- Making his second appearance at The Galleri Classic, he finished 2nd in 2023
 - Has a 67.5 scoring average at Mission Hills (four rounds)
- Has led the Charles Schwab Cup standings for all five weeks during the 2024 season

Alex Cejka, 33-33 – 66 (-6)

- This is his fifth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 1-for-4 converting those into victories
- The 53-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (78th start)
 - Last win: 2023 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex
- Making his sixth start of the 2024 season, he has two top-5 finishes
 - Best finish: T3 (Chubb Classic)
- Making his second appearance at The Galleri Classic, he finished T16 in 2023
- Entered the week ranked No. 10 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings

Retief Goosen, 31-35 – 66 (-6)

- Matched his low 18-hole score of the season (seventh round)

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- Previous instance: Cologuard Classic (2nd Round)
- This is his third time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 0-for-2 converting those into victories
- The 55-year-old seeks his third win on PGA TOUR Champions (102nd start)
 - Last win: 2022 Hoag Classic
- Making his third start of the 2024 season, his best finish is T11 (Hoag Classic)
- Making his second appearance at The Galleri Classic, he finished T3 in 2023
 - Over his last two rounds at Mission Hills, he has played Nos. 1-14 in a combined 16-under and Nos. 15-18 in a combined 3-over

Other Notes

- **Billy Andrade** birdied four of his first eight holes en route to bogey-free 67 and sits in fourth.
 - The 60-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (226th start)
 - Last win: 2015 Charles Schwab Cup Championship
- Seven players sit T5 at 4-under, including GRAIL ambassador **Steve Stricker** and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els**.
- Defending champion **David Toms** sits T12 after shooting 3-under 69.
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Fred Couples** withdrew before the start of the first round and alternate **Scott Dunlap** (T44) took his spot in the field.