

2024 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex



First-Round Notes

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Carnoustie Golf Links | Carnoustie, Scotland

17th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 7,402 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 75.537
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy with temps in the low-60s and winds SW at 12-18 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Stephen Ames	-4	34-34 – 68
T2	K.J. Choi	-3	34-35 – 69
T2	Peter Baker	-3	35-34 – 69
T2	Richard Green	-3	35-34 – 69
T2	Paul Broadhurst	-3	38-31 – 69

Things to Know

- Charles Schwab No. 2 **Stephen Ames** holds a one-stroke lead over a quartet of players after the first round as he seeks his third win of the 2024 season.

Stephen Ames, 34-34 – 68 (-4)

- This is his 10th time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 2-for-9 converting those into victories (0-for-3 in 72-hole events)
- The 60-year-old seeks his ninth win on PGA TOUR Champions (213th start)
 - Last win: 2024 Mitsubishi Electric Classic
- Seeks his third win of the 2024 season (16th start)
 - Previous wins: Chubb Classic (Feb. 16-18); Mitsubishi Electric Classic (April 26-28)
 - With a win, he would match Ernie Els for the most wins by a player this season on PGA TOUR Champions (3)
 - Entered the week No. 2 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Seeks his first major title on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Best finish in a senior major: 2nd (2022 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
- Making his sixth appearance at The Senior Open, he has one top-10 finish
 - Best finish: T3 (2018)

K.J. Choi, 34-35 – 69 (-3)

- The 54-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (80th start)
 - Last win: 2021 PURE Insurance Championship
- Making his 16th start of the 2024 season, he has four top-10 finishes
 - Best finish of 2024: T4 (two times; last: Kaulig Companies Championship)
- Making his second appearance at The Senior Open, he finished T14 in 2023

Peter Baker, 35-34 – 69 (-3)

- The 56-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (13th start)
 - Best finish: 11th (2024 U.S. Senior Open)

- Making his fourth PGA TOUR Champions start in 2024, his best finish is 11th (U.S. Senior Open)
- Making his sixth appearance at The Senior Open, his best finish is T32 (2021)

Richard Green, 35-34 – 69 (-3)

- This is the fourth consecutive senior major he has been inside the top 3 after the first round
 - Was T1 at the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
 - Was T1 at the U.S. Senior Open
 - Was T3 at the Kaulig Companies Championship
 - Currently T2 at The Senior Open
- The 53-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (45th start)
 - Best finish: 2nd (two times; last: 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
- Making his 16th start of the 2024 season, he has four top-10 finishes
 - Best finish of 2024: 2nd (KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
 - Entered the week No. 5 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Making his third appearance at The Senior Open, his best finish is T7 (2023)
- Finished T4 at the 2007 Open Championship, which was played at Carnoustie
 - Carded the low score of the final round with 64

Paul Broadhurst, 38-31 – 69 (-3)

- The 58-year-old seeks his seventh win on PGA TOUR Champions (191st start)
 - Last win: 2024 Invited Celebrity Classic
- Seeks his second win of the 2024 season (17th start)
 - Entered the week No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Seeks his second title at The Senior Open Championship (eighth start)
 - Won in 2016, which was also held at Carnoustie

Other Notes

- 50-year-old **Scott Hend** (6th) played his first 11 holes in 2-over before playing his final seven holes in 4-under en route to 70. Making his second start in a PGA TOUR Champions event, he finished T4 at the 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship in his debut.
- Two-time runner-up (2022, 2023) **Padraig Harrington** carded 1-under 71 and sits T7. The World Golf Hall of Fame member won the 2007 Open Championship held at Carnoustie.
- After opening with 10 consecutive pars, Charles Schwab No. 3 **Steven Alker** (T7) played his final eight holes in 1-under.
- In addition to Harrington and Alker, the group sitting T7 at 1-under includes 10 other players.
- 1995 Open Championship winner **John Daly** withdrew before the start of the first round.