

# 2024 U.S. Senior Open

## Completed Final-Round Notes

Monday, July 1, 2024

Newport Country Club | Newport, Rhode Island

15th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2024 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 70 / 7,027 yards
- **Round 4 Scoring Average:** 70.692
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 71.519
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny with temps in the low-70s and winds N at 8-16 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money
1	Richard Bland*	-13	68-64-69-66 – 267	\$800,000
2	Hiroyuki Fujita	-13	63-66-67-71 – 267	\$432,000
3	Richard Green	-10	63-67-69-71 – 270	\$255,061
4	Steve Stricker	-9	66-66-66-73 – 271	\$178,788

\*-won on the fourth playoff hole (Nos. 10, 18, 18, 18)

Note: after the two-hole aggregate playoff, it became a sudden-death playoff, repeating No. 18

### Things to Know

- **Richard Bland** defeated overnight leader **Hiroyuki Fujita** in a four-hole playoff to win his second consecutive senior major title.
- The two-hole aggregate playoff was split with pars on Nos. 10 and 18, then becoming a sudden-death playoff until the result was final. On the third playoff hole (No. 18), both players made bogey. On the fourth playoff hole (No. 18), Bland made an up-and-down from the greenside bunker for par to win.
- Fujita, who held at least a share of the lead after each of the first three rounds, had a three-stroke lead (thru 10 holes) when play was suspended on Sunday.
- **Resumption of play:** The final round resumed on Monday at 8 a.m. (ET).

### Richard Bland, 68-64-69-66 – 267 (-13)

- The 51-year-old earned his second win in a PGA TOUR Champions event (two starts)
  - Previous win: 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship
- Becomes the fourth player to win his first two starts in PGA TOUR Champions events, joining Bruce Fleisher (1999), Jim Furyk (2020) and Phil Mickelson (2020)
- Becomes the third player to win his first two senior major starts
  - Arnold Palmer (1980 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship; 1981 U.S. Senior Open)
  - Alex Cejka (2021 Regions Tradition; 2021 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
  - Richard Bland (2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship; 2024 U.S. Senior Open)
- Becomes the first player to win back-to-back senior major starts since Steve Stricker (2023 Regions Tradition; 2023 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
- Matched the low 72-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions this season (267)
  - Previous instance: Richard Bland (KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
- This is the largest come-from-behind win of the 2024 season on PGA TOUR Champions (5)
- Made 13 starts in PGA TOUR events
  - Best finish: T9 (2022 World Golf Championships-Dell Technologies Match Play)

### Other Notes

- 54-hole leader **Hiroyuki Fujita**, who held a three-stroke lead (thru 10 holes) entering the Monday finish, played his final eight holes in 3-over to tie Bland in regulation before falling in a playoff. This was his best finish in a PGA TOUR Champions event (five starts).
- **Richard Green** finished 3rd at 10-under after closing with 71. This is his second consecutive top-3 finish in a senior major, finishing 2nd at the 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.
- 2019 champion **Steve Stricker** closed with 73 to finish 4th at 9-under. In four appearances at the U.S. Senior Open, Stricker has finished 1st-2nd-2nd-4th.
- **Thongchai Jaidee** and **Bob Estes** each finished T5 at 8-under.
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** carded the low score of the final round with 5-under 65. He finished T8 at 6-under along with Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stephen Ames** and **Paul Stankowski**.
- 70-year-old **Jay Haas** (T22) bettered his age with 1-under 69 in the final round. He also shot his age or better in the first two rounds (68-70) and improved to 18-for-18 making the cut at the U.S. Senior Open.
- This was the seventh playoff in U.S. Senior Open history and first since 2014.
- The last tournament on PGA TOUR Champions to finish on a Monday (unscheduled) was the 2020 Charles Schwab Cup Championship (playoff only). The last time a final round finished on a Monday (unscheduled) was the 2019 Dominion Energy Charity Classic.
- The last time the U.S. Senior Open finished on a Monday was in 2016.