

2024 U.S. Senior Open



First-Round Notes

Thursday, June 27, 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 / 6,954 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 71.789
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy with temps in the low-70s and winds SW at 6-12 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Richard Green	-7	32-31 – 63
T1	Hiroiyuki Fujita	-7	30-33 – 63
3	Billy Andrade	-6	31-33 – 64
4	Stephen Ames	-5	31-34 – 65

Things to Know

- **Richard Green** and **Hiroiyuki Fujita** share the first-round lead after each opening with bogey-free 63s at Newport Country Club.
- Rhode Island's **Billy Andrade** and Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stephen Ames** sit in 3rd and 4th, respectively.

Richard Green, 32-31 – 63 (-7)

- Matched his low 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (131st round)
 - Previous instance: 2023 Principal Charity Classic (Final 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 53-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (43rd start)
 - Best finish: 2nd (2023 Dominion Energy Charity Classic; 2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
- Making his 14th start of the 2024 season, he has three top-10 finishes and entered the week No. 9 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
- Making his third appearance at the U.S. Senior Open, he has finished T49 (2022) and T27 (2023)

Hiroiyuki Fujita, 30-33 – 63 (-7)

- The 55-year-old seeks his first win in a PGA TOUR Champions event (fifth start)
 - Best finish: T33 (2023 Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex)
- Is exempt into the 2024 U.S. Senior Open by finishing in the top 4 of the 2023 Japan Senior Tour money list
- Making his second appearance in the U.S. Senior Open, he finished T47 in 2023
- Made 29 starts in PGA TOUR events, most recently in 2015
 - Best finish: T10 (2011 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- Has 16 wins on the Japan Golf Tour (621 starts)
 - Last win: 2014 Asia-Pacific Diamond Cup Golf

Other Notes

- Rhode Island resident **Billy Andrade** carded his low round of the 2024 season with 6-under 64 and sits in 3rd. The 60-year-old seeks his fourth win on PGA TOUR Champions (235th start).

- Last win: 2015 Charles Schwab Cup Championship
- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stephen Ames** sits in 4th after shooting 5-under 65. The 60-year-old seeks his third win of the 2024 season on PGA TOUR Champions (14th start).
 - Previous 2024 wins: Chubb Classic; Mitsubishi Electric Classic
- 10 players are T5 at 4-under, including 2019 champion **Steve Stricker**, 2022 champion **Padraig Harrington**, 2015 champion **Jeff Maggert** and three-time senior major winner **Alex Cejka**.
- 70-year-old **Jay Haas** (T22) bettered his age with 2-under 68. Making his 18th appearance at the U.S. Senior Open, he is 17-for-17 making the cut at this event.
- Defending champion **Bernhard Langer** opened with even-par 70 and sits T43.