

2024 U.S. Senior Open



Third-Round Notes

Saturday, June 29, 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 / 6,944 yards
- **Round 3 Scoring Average:** 71.114
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 71.795
- **Weather:** Mostly cloudy with temps in the low-70s and winds SSE at 7-14 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Hiroyuki Fujita	-14	63-66-67 – 196
2	Steve Stricker	-12	66-66-66 – 198
3	Richard Green	-11	63-67-69 – 199
4	Richard Bland	-9	68-64-69 – 201
5	Bob Estes	-8	66-70-66 – 202

Things to Know

- **Hiroyuki Fujita**, who held at least a share of the lead after each of the first two rounds, takes a two-stroke lead into Sunday over 2019 champion **Steve Stricker**. Fujita, who carded 67, was the only player in the field without a bogey on Saturday.
- **Sunday schedule change:** Due to anticipated storms, rain and fog on Sunday, final round tee times will run from 8:20-10:20 a.m. (ET) in threesomes off Nos. 1 and 10. Peacock will stream the action from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. before NBC televises play from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Golf Channel will broadcast a two-hour re-air of the third round from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Hiroyuki Fujita, 63-66-67 – 196 (-14)

- Leads the field in fairways hit (41-of-42) and fewest bogeys (1) for the week
- 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)
- This is his second start of the 2024 PGA TOUR Champions season
 - Previous start: T51 (KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship)
- 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
- With a win on Sunday, he would become the third different player from Japan to win on PGA TOUR Champions, joining Isao Aoki (9) and Kohki Idoki (1)
- Made 29 starts in PGA TOUR events, most recently in 2015
 - Best finish: T10 (2011 Cognizant Classic in The Palm Beaches)
- Has three wins on the Japan Senior Tour
 - Last win: 2023 Japan Senior Open Golf Championship
- Has 18 wins on the Japan Golf Tour (621 starts)
 - Last win: 2014 Asia-Pacific Diamond Cup Golf
- Was named Japan Golf Tour Most Valuable Player in 2010 and 2012
- Was the Japan Golf Tour's leading money winner in 2012

Hiroiyuki Fujita in PGA TOUR Champions Events

Tournament	54-Hole Score	54-Hole Position	Finish
2023 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship	219	T52	T37
2023 U.S. Senior Open	224	T47	T47
2023 Senior Open presented by Rolex	222	T45	T33
2024 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship	217	T60	T51
2024 U.S. Senior Open	196	1st	

Hiroiyuki Fujita (PGA TOUR Champions)	Rounds in the 60s
First 16 rounds	0
Last 3 rounds	3

Steve Stricker, 66-66-66 – 198 (-12)

- The 57-year-old seeks his 18th win on PGA TOUR Champions (72nd start)
 - A win would move him into T14 on the all-time PGA TOUR Champions wins list
 - Last win: 2023 Sanford International
- Seeks his eighth senior major title, which would move him into T3 on the all-time list
 - Last senior major win: 2023 Kaulig Companies Championship
- Making his ninth start of the 2024 season, he has seven top-10 finishes and entered the week No. 4 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings
 - Best finish of 2024: 2nd (American Family Insurance Championship)
- Will play in the last group of the final round for the third time this season on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 0-for-2 converting those into victories
- Making his fourth appearance at the U.S. Senior Open, he won in 2019 and finished runner-up in 2022 and 2023

Steve Stricker at the U.S. Senior Open

Year	Finish
2019	Won
2022	2nd
2023	2nd

Other Notes

- Charles Schwab No. 9 **Richard Green**, who finished runner-up at last month's KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, sits in 3rd at 11-under after posting 69. The 53-year-old seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (43rd start).
- Looking to win back-to-back senior majors, KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship winner **Richard Bland** sits in 4th at 9-under after shooting 69.
- Each seeking their first win on PGA TOUR Champions, **Bob Estes** (5th) **Paul Stankowski** (6th) are 8-under and 7-under, respectively.
- **Rocco Mediate** shot 67 for the second consecutive day and sits in 7th at 6-under.
- Five players are T8 at 5-under, including Charles Schwab No. 2 **Steven Alker** and 11-time PGA TOUR Champions winner **Jerry Kelly**.
- 2022 champion **Padraig Harrington**, who won last week's DICK'S Open, and Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stephen Ames** are two of five players T13 at 4-under.
- In addition to Stricker and Estes, **Paul Broadhurst** (T13) carded 4-under 66 to match the low round of the day.