

# 2025 Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences

## Final-Round Notes Sunday, March 9, 2025

La Paloma Country Club | Tucson, Arizona  
4th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2025 Season



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- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,740 yards
- **Final Round Scoring Average:** 71.275
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 70.843
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny skies with temperatures in the mid-70s and winds out of the east gusting up to 10 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Charles Schwab Cup
P1	Steven Alker	-12	69 – 66 - 66 - 201	\$330,000.00	No. 2
P2	Jason Caron	-12	67 – 68 – 66 - 201	\$193,600.00	No. 5
T3	Rod Pampling	-11	66- 69 -67 - 202	\$145,200.00	No. 9
T3	Greg Chalmers	-11	64 - 67- 71- 202	\$145,200.00	No. 12

### Things to Know

- Reigning Charles Schwab Cup winner **Steven Alker** captured the Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences victory for his ninth PGA TOUR Champions title, after defeating **Jason Caron** in the first playoff in tournament history with a 12-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole (no. 18) at La Paloma Country Club.
- **Birdies for Survivors**
  - On Sunday, the Cologuard Classic raised the stakes for its newest initiative. With 17 birdies on no.15 on Friday and Saturday combined (\$1,500 each) and 9 birdies on Sunday at a newly pledged \$3,000 each, \$50,000 was raised to send survivors to next year's Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences.

### Steven Alker, 69-66-66 – 201 (-12)

- After starting the final round four strokes behind the leader, the 53-year-old claimed his ninth win on PGA TOUR Champions (78 starts)
  - Started the back nine six strokes behind and played Nos. 11, 15-17 eagle-birdie-birdie-birdie
  - Has at least one win in each of his five seasons, dating back to 2021
- Snaps a winless streak of 414 days
  - Last win: 2024 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- Is now 1 for 3 in his playoff record
- In three appearances at the Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences, he has finished T20-T2-1<sup>st</sup>
- This is the third top 10 finish for reigning PGA TOUR Champions Player of the Year and Charles Schwab Cup champion in three starts this season
  - Previous: 2<sup>nd</sup>/2025 Trophy Hassan II; 5<sup>th</sup>/2025 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- Earned the prestigious *2024 Jack Nicklaus Award* as Player of the Year for the second time in three seasons, while also claiming the *Arnold Palmer Award*, given annually to the Tour's money leader and the *Byron Nelson Award*, awarded to the player with the best scoring average on the Champions Tour after capturing his second career Schwab Cup, a season-opening victory at the 2024 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, five runner-up finishes, and 16 top-10 finishes across 22 starts in the 2024 season.

### Other Notes

- **Jason Caron** carded 5-under 66 to finish at 12-under 201 to force a playoff with Steven Alker but came up short in seeking his first victory on PGA TOUR Champions
  - Earns runner-up honors in his first appearance at the Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences and best

finish on PGA TOUR Champions (13 starts)

- Previous best finish: T3/2024 Simmons Bank Championship
- Two players finished T3 at 11-under:
  - **Rod Pampling** carded 4-under 67 with five birdies and one bogey in his sixth appearance in the Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences
    - Matched his previous best finish: T3/2021
  - Looking to go wire-to-wire, 36-hole leader **Greg Chalmers** closed with an even par 71 after bogeys on Nos. 12 and 14
    - Is now 0-2 when co-leading/leading
- 2024 Cologuard Classic champion **Joe Durant** finished T18 at 5-under.
- **Hiroyuki Fujita** made a hole-in-one on no. 17 at 178 yards with a 7-iron to finish T12 at 7-under.