

2026 Hoag Classic

Second-Round Notes

Saturday, March 28, 2026

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California

5th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2026 Season



- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,720 yards
- **Round 2 Scoring Average:** 69.665
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 68.967
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 75. Winds SW at 6-12 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Stewart Cink	-14	66-62 – 128
T2	Freddie Jacobson	-12	64-66 – 130
	Steven Alker	-12	64-66 – 130
T4	Ernie Els	-11	66-65 – 131
	Tim Petrovic	-11	66-65 – 131

Things to Know

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stewart Cink** closed with an albatross on No. 18 en route to the low round of the day (62) and takes a two-stroke lead into the final round of the Hoag Classic.

Stewart Cink, 66-62 – 128 (-14)

- Recorded his first albatross on PGA TOUR Champions, holing his second shot on the par-5 18th hole with a 6-iron from 205 yards.
 - Cink made one albatross on the PGA TOUR: 2007 AT&T Classic (Final Round, Hole No. 6)
 - Last albatross on PGA TOUR Champions by any player: Brendan Jones (2026 Cologuard Classic, 1st Round, Hole No. 11)
 - Last albatross at the Hoag Classic: Ian Woosnam (2016, 2nd Round, Hole No. 15)
- Has played the par-5s in 9-under this week (one albatross, two eagles, two birdies, one par), two strokes better than the second-best par-5 scorer this week (7-under, Brian Gay).
- The 52-year-old seeks his sixth win on PGA TOUR Champions (40th start).
- Seeks his second win of the 2026 season (fourth start).
 - Last win: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (Jan. 22-24)
- Looks to become the first multi-time winner of the 2026 season on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - This is the fifth event of the 2026 season.
 - Cink's wins by season: 2024 (1 win), 2025 (3 wins), 2026 (1 win)
 - Turned 50 years old on May 21, 2023
- Matched his low 18-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (126th round).
 - Cink's previous instances of 62: 2024 Cologuard Classic (1st Round), 2025 Ally Challenge (1st Round)
- Matched the low 18-hole score of the 2026 season by any player on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - Previous instances: Ángel Cabrera (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai/R2), Bo Van Pelt (Cologuard Classic/R1), Steven Alker (Cologuard Classic/R2), Paul Goydos (Hoag Classic/R1)
- This is his low 36-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (128)
 - Cink's previous low 36-hole score: 129 (2026 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
- This is the low 36-hole score of the 2026 season by any player on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - Previous low: 129 (two times; Stewart Cink/Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, Freddie Jacobson/Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
- This is his eighth time leading/co-leading entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions (2-for-7).

- Is 2-for-6 in 54-hole events (won the 2024 Ally Challenge; won the 2026 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai).
- Has led the Charles Schwab Cup standings for all four weeks of the 2026 season.
 - Won the Charles Schwab Cup in 2025.
- Making his second appearance at the Hoag Classic, he finished T2 in 2025.
- Will play in the last group of the final round for the second time during the 2026 season (1-for-1).
 - Previous instance: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (Won)

Other Notes

- Seeking his first win on PGA TOUR Champions, 51-year-old **Freddie Jacobson** (T2) carded 66 and enters the final round at 12-under. His best finish on PGA TOUR Champions in 27 starts is T2 (2025 Hoag Classic).
 - Jacobson's position by round (chronologically) at the Hoag Classic (second appearance): T2-3rd-T2-T4-T2
 - Jacobson's scoring average at the Hoag Classic (five rounds): 65.80
- The winner of last week's Cologuard Classic, **Steven Alker** (T2) posted 66 and sits at 12-under after the second round. He leads the field in birdies (15).
 - Looks to become the first player to win back-to-back tournaments on PGA TOUR Champions since Stewart Cink (2025 Charles Schwab Cup Championship, 2026 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai).
 - Looks to become the first player to win in back-to-back weeks on PGA TOUR Champions since Ángel Cabrera (2025 Regions Tradition, 2025 Senior PGA Championship).
- World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els** (T4) looks to become the first three-time winner of the Hoag Classic.
 - Els' previous wins at the Hoag Classic (2): 2020, 2023
 - Other players with two wins at the Hoag Classic: Fred Couples, Jay Haas, Hale Irwin
- 2008 Hoag Classic champion and 68-year-old World Golf Hall of Fame member **Bernhard Langer** (T12) carded 67 for the second consecutive day, today being his 41st time shooting his age or better on PGA TOUR Champions.
- Playing his 800th round on PGA TOUR Champions, 18-hole leader **Paul Goydos** (T21) carded 74 and enters the final round at 6-under.
- Two-time Hoag Classic champion (2007, 2016) and 72-year-old **Jay Haas** (78th) carded 72 to shoot his age or better for the 42nd time on PGA TOUR Champions.