

2026 Hoag Classic

Final-Round Notes

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Newport Beach Country Club | Newport Beach, California

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



- **Course Setup:** Par 71 / 6,737 yards
- **Round 3 Scoring Average:** 69.449
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 69.128
- **Weather:** Sunny. High of 75. Winds SW at 6-12 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores	Money	Charles Schwab Cup
1	Stewart Cink	-19	66-62-66 – 194	\$330,000	1st
T2	Zach Johnson	-15	63-70-65 – 198	\$176,000	2nd
	Ernie Els	-15	66-65-67 – 198	\$176,000	6th

Things to Know

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stewart Cink**, who held the 36-hole lead, closed with 66 to win the Hoag Classic for his third victory in his last five starts on PGA TOUR Champions.

Stewart Cink, 66-62-66 – 194 (-19)

- The 52-year-old earned his sixth win on PGA TOUR Champions (40 starts).
- Earned his second win of the 2026 season (four starts).
 - Previous win: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (Jan. 22-24)
- Becomes 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 (2 wins)
 - Turned 50 years old on May 21, 2023
- In his last six starts, dating back to last season, he has finished (chronologically): 4th-1st-1st-T2-T6-1st.
- Remains atop the Charles Schwab Cup standings for the sixth consecutive week, dating back to last season.
 - Won the 2025 Charles Schwab Cup and has led the standings for all five weeks of the 2026 season.
- Played the par-5s in 12-under this week (one albatross, two eagles, five birdies, one par), two strokes better than the second-best par-5 scorer this week (10-under, Brian Gay).
- This is Cink’s second-lowest 54-hole score on PGA TOUR Champions (194).
 - Cink’s low 54-hole score: 193 (2026 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai)
- Matched the second-lowest 54-hole score in the 30-year history of the Hoag Classic.
 - Previous instances of 194: Jay Haas (2007), David Frost (2013)
 - Low 54-hole score in Hoag Classic history: 193 (Duffy Waldorf, 2015)
- Matched the largest margin of victory of the 2026 season on PGA TOUR Champions (4).
 - Previous instance: Zach Johnson (James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational)
- In two appearances at the Hoag Classic, he has finished T2 (2025) and 1st (2026).
 - Cink’s scoring average at the Hoag Classic (six rounds): 65.50
- Improved to 3-for-8 when leading/co-leading entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions (3-for-7 in 54-hole events).
- Improved to 2-for-2 when playing in the last group of the final round during the 2026 season.
 - Previous instance: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (Won)

Other Notes

- Two-time Hoag Classic champion (2020, 2023) and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Ernie Els**, who led the field in birdies (19), finished T2 at 15-under. This is his 18th top-2 finish on PGA TOUR Champions (132 starts).

- Making his third start on PGA TOUR Champions, **Zach Johnson** (T2) matched the low round of the day (65). Since turning 50 years old on February 24, he won his debut (James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational) before finishing T3 (Cologuard Classic) and T2 (Hoag Classic).
- In two appearances at the Hoag Classic, **Freddie Jacobson** has finished T2 (2025) and T4 (2026). This is his eighth top-5 finish on PGA TOUR Champions (28 starts).
- 2008 Hoag Classic champion and 68-year-old World Golf Hall of Fame member **Bernhard Langer** (T7) closed with 66 to shoot his age or better for the third consecutive day and 42nd time overall on PGA TOUR Champions.
- The winner of last week's Cologuard Classic, **Steven Alker** finished T7 along with 2022 Hoag Classic champion and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Retief Goosen**, who matched the low round of the day (65).