

2026 U.S. Senior Open

First-Round Notes

Thursday, July 2, 2026

Scioto Country Club | Columbus, Ohio

14th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2026 Season



- **Course Setup:** Par 70 / 7,036 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 74.111
- **Weather:** Partly sunny. High of 98. WSW winds at 6-12 mph.
- [Leaderboard](#)
- [Second-Round Tee Times](#)
- [PGATOURMedia.com](#)
- [USGA Media Center](#)

	Player	To Par	Scores
T1	Charlie Wi	-3	33-34—67
T1	Stewart Cink	-3	37-30—67
T3	Three players tied	-2	

Things to Know

- **Charlie Wi** and Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stewart Cink** share the 18-hole lead at the U.S. Senior Open after matching rounds of 3-under 67 on Thursday.
- Wi is looking for his first win across the PGA TOUR, Korn Ferry Tour or PGA TOUR Champions, while Cink is eyeing his fifth win of the 2026 Champions Tour season.

Charlie Wi, 33-34 – 67 (-3)

- 54-year-old seeks his first Champions Tour win in his 82nd career start
 - Best finish: 2nd (2023 Invited Celebrity Classic), T2 (2023 TimberTech Championship)
- Enters the week at No. 17 in the Charles Schwab Cup with three top-five finishes in 2026, including a season-best T3 at the Insuperity Invitational.
- Making his third career start in the U.S. Senior Open after competing in 2022 (T33) and 2024 (MC).
- Seeks to become the first player from South Korea to win the U.S. Senior Open.
- Records birdies on Nos. 3-7 tying the second-longest birdie streak in U.S. Senior Open history (6 – Ken Tanigawa, 2022, Rd. 3).
- Marks the second 18-hole lead/co-lead of his PGA TOUR Champions career.
 - Previous: 2024 Invited Celebrity Classic (finished T9; 36-hole event due to weather)
- Recorded 263 starts in his PGA TOUR career, finishing runner-up five times; made 135 starts on the Korn Ferry Tour, finishing runner-up once (2006 UNC Health Championship); lone win on the DP World Tour came at the 2006 Malaysian Open.

Stewart Cink, 37-30 – 67 (-3)

- Charles Schwab Cup leader seeks his fifth win of the 2026 season (Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, Hoag Classic, Senior PGA Championship, Regions Tradition).
- 53-year-old owns nine top-10s in as many starts in 2026.
- Marks his eighth 18-hole lead/co-lead in a PGA TOUR Champions event.
 - 3-for-7 converting to victory (2025 Ally Challenge, 2025 Charles Schwab Cup Championship, 2026 Regions Tradition)
- Eight-time PGA TOUR Champions winner seeking his first season with five-plus wins; earned three wins last season en route to becoming the 2025 Charles Schwab Cup champion (Insuperity Invitational, The Ally Challenge, Charles Schwab Cup Championship).
- Making his second career start at the U.S. Senior Open after finishing runner-up in his debut in 2025.
- Looks to become the first American-born winner of the U.S. Senior Open since Jim Furyk in 2021.
- Looks to become the first player to win three consecutive senior majors contested.

- This will be the 13th attempt all-time
- Looks to become the third player to win three consecutive senior major starts.
 - Previous instances: Gary Player (1987-88), Kenny Perry (2013-14)
- Looks to become the fifth player to win three senior majors in the same year.
 - Previous instances: Gary Player (1988), Jack Nicklaus (1991), Bernhard Langer (2017), Steve Stricker (2023)

Other Notes

- Two-time champion **Pádraig Harrington** (2022, 2025) opens with a 1-under 69 (T6); seeks to become the fourth player in tournament history to successfully defend his title (Miller Barber/1984-85, Gary Player/1987-88, Allen Doyle/2005-06) and the second to notch three victories (Barber/1982, 1984, 1985).
- Past champions in the field include **Olin Browne** (T122), **Harrington** (T6), **Jeff Maggert** (T26), **Colin Montgomerie** (T16), **Gene Sauers** (T79) and **David Toms** (T58).
- **Simon Griffiths** recorded a hole-in-one on No. 17 in the opening round, finishing the day with a 2-under 68 (T3); marks the fifth hole-in-one recorded on PGA TOUR Champions in 2026 and the 25th in tournament history.
- PGA TOUR Champions rookie **George McNeill**, who turned 50 on October 2, 2025, posts 2-under 68 (T3); enters the week at No. 11 in the Charles Schwab Cup with a pair of runner-up finishes in 2026.
- Making his second start on PGA TOUR Champions, **Michael Block** posts 2-over 72 (T40); PGA of America club professional at Arroyo Trabuco G.C. in Mission Viejo, California, finished T15 at the 2023 PGA Championship; has competed in 10 major championships, including the PGA Championship each of the last five years.
- **Mark Calcavecchia** withdrew after 12 holes in Rd. 1; **Scott Berliner** withdrew after 14 holes.