

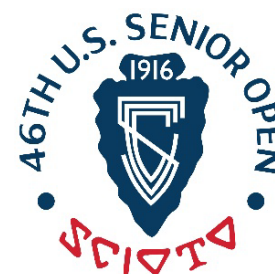
2026 U.S. Senior Open

Third-Round Notes

Saturday, July 4, 2026

Scioto Country Club | Columbus, Ohio

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



- **Course Setup:** Par 70 / 7,110 yards
- **Round 3 Scoring Average:** 70.964
- **Cumulative Scoring Average:** 73.150
- **Weather:** Mostly sunny. High of 94. Winds SW at 5-10 mph.
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Stewart Cink	-9	67-70-64 – 201
2	Pádraig Harrington	-8	69-67-66 – 202
3	George McNeill	-7	68-66-69 – 203
4	Miguel Angel Jiménez	-6	69-68-67 – 204

Things to Know

- Charles Schwab Cup leader **Stewart Cink**, winner of the first two majors of the 2026 season, matched the low round of the day (64) and takes a one-stroke lead over two-time U.S. Senior Open champion (2022, 2025) **Pádraig Harrington** into the final round.
- In last year's U.S. Senior Open, Harrington and Cink finished 1st and 2nd, respectively, while **Miguel Angel Jiménez** finished 3rd. All three players enter the final round of the 2026 event in the top 4. The trio has combined to win each of the last five majors on PGA TOUR Champions.

Last Five Majors on PGA TOUR Champions (chronologically)

Tournament	Champion
2025 Kaulig Companies Championship	Miguel Angel Jiménez
2025 U.S. Senior Open	Pádraig Harrington
2025 ISPS HANDA Senior Open	Pádraig Harrington
2026 Senior PGA Championship	Stewart Cink
2026 Regions Tradition	Stewart Cink

Stewart Cink, 67-70-64 – 201 (-9)

- The 53-year-old seeks his ninth win on PGA TOUR Champions (46th start).
- Seeks his fifth win of the 2026 season (10th start).
 - Previous wins in 2026: Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (Jan. 22-24), Hoag Classic (March 27-29), Senior PGA Championship (April 16-19), Regions Tradition (April 30-May 3)
 - Has finished in the top 6 in each of his nine starts in 2026.
 - Has led the Charles Schwab Cup standings for all 13 weeks of the 2026 season.
- With a win, he would become the first player to win five times in a season on PGA TOUR Champions since 2023 when Steve Stricker won six times.
- Seeks his first win at the U.S. Senior Open (second appearance).
 - Previous finish: 2nd (2025)
- Looks to become the first player to win three consecutive senior majors contested.
 - This is 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)
- This is his 10th time leading/co-leading entering the final round on PGA TOUR Champions.
 - Is 4-for-9 converting those into victories (1-for-2 in 72-hole events).
- Will play in the last group of the final round for the fourth time this season (3-for-3).
 - Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (Won)
 - Hoag Classic (Won)
 - Regions Tradition (Won)
- Looks to become the first American-born winner of the U.S. Senior Open since 2021 (Jim Furyk).

Pádraig Harrington, 69-67-66 – 202 (-8)

- The 54-year-old World Golf Hall of Fame member seeks his 12th win on PGA TOUR Champions (73rd start).
 - Last win: 2025 ISPS HANDA Senior Open
- Seeks his first win of the 2026 season (eighth start).
 - Best finish: 2nd (twice); Cologuard Classic (lost in playoff), DICK'S Open (lost in playoff)
 - Entered the week ranked No. 12 in the 2026 Charles Schwab Cup standings.
- Seeks his fourth senior major title (19th start).
 - Previous wins: 2022 U.S. Senior Open, 2025 U.S. Senior Open, 2025 ISPS HANDA Senior Open
- Seeks his third win at the U.S. Senior Open (fifth appearance).
 - Previous wins: 2022, 2025
 - Looks to match Miller Barber for the most wins in U.S. Senior Open history (3).
 - Looks to become the fourth player in U.S. Senior Open history to successfully defend his title.
 - Previous instances: Miller Barber (1984-85), Gary Player (1987-88), Allen Doyle (2005-06)
- Will play in the last group of the final round for the third time this season (0-for-2).
 - Cologuard Classic (2nd – lost in playoff)
 - DICK'S Open (2nd – lost in playoff)

Other Notes

- 36-hole leader **George McNeill** (3rd) carded 69 and enters the final round at 7-under. The rookie, who turned 50 years old on October 2, 2025, seeks his first win on PGA TOUR Champions (11th start).
 - Best finish: 2nd (2026 American Family Insurance Championship – team event with partner Kenny Perry), T2 (2026 James Hardie Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational)
- **Miguel Angel Jiménez** (4th) posted 67 and sits at 6-under. The 62-year-old seeks his 18th win on PGA TOUR Champions (222nd start) and fourth senior major title (50th start).
 - Last win on PGA TOUR Champions: 2025 Kaulig Companies Championship
 - Best finish of 2026: 7th (Insperity Invitational)
 - Best finish at the U.S. Senior Open: T2 (two times); 2016, 2018
 - Previous senior major wins: 2018 Regions Tradition, 2018 ISPS HANDA Senior Open, 2025 Kaulig Companies Championship
- 2022 ISPS HANDA Senior Open champion **Darren Clarke** (T5) matched the low round of the day (64) and enters the final round at 3-under along with **Paul Stankowski** (T5).