

2015 U.S. Senior Open – Round 3 Notes

Bernhard Langer

- This is the third time Bernhard Langer has held the 54-hole lead in the U.S. Senior Open. He won in 2010 and tied for second in 2012.
- This is the fourth time Langer will be in the final pairing in the U.S. Senior Open. Langer was also in the final pairing in 2010, 2012 and 2014.
- Langer has won three of the last six senior majors.
- Langer has finished in the top 10 in his last nine senior majors.
- Langer is attempting to win his sixth senior major. Only Jack Nicklaus (8), Hale Irwin (7), Gary Player (6) and Tom Watson (6) have won more than Langer's five.
- If Langer were to win, he would be the second-oldest U.S. Senior Open champion at 57 years, 10 months and 1 day. Allen Doyle was 57 years, 11 months and 14 days in 2006.

Jeff Maggert

- Jeff Maggert also led after 54 holes in the season's first major, the Regions Tradition. Maggert went on to defeat Kevin Sutherland in a playoff.
- Maggert has played well in USGA Open championships. He has seven top-10 finishes in 16 U.S. Opens. He finished in third place in 2002 and 2004.
- Maggert has five top-10 finishes on the Champions Tour this year.

Kenny Perry

- Starting on the 10th hole, Kenny Perry birdied six of the first seven holes and went out in 28. The 28 ties Tom Kite (2012) for the lowest nine-hole score in the U.S. Senior Open.
- Perry's 64 is the low round of the championship and ties for the sixth-lowest score in the U.S. Senior Open.
- Perry's 64 ties the competitive course record at Del Paso Country Club. Danny Way also shot a 64 in 2010 U.S. Open sectional qualifying.
- If Perry were to win, his seven-stroke comeback over the final 36 holes would tie for second-largest in the U.S. Senior Open. The best comeback over the last 36 holes is 10 strokes, also by Perry, in 2013 at Omaha (Neb.) Country Club.
- In a pairing of past U.S. Senior Open champions, Perry (2013) will play with Fred Funk (2009) in the penultimate group on Sunday.

Players

- Nine players had a share of the lead at some point during the third round (Langer, Maggert, Watson, Funk, Colin Montgomerie, Jimmy Carter, Rocco Mediate, Woody Austin and Peter Fowler).

- Ten players are within one stroke of the lead and 16 players are within two strokes of the lead through 54 holes.
- Watson is attempting to become the oldest champion of the U.S. Senior Open at age 65. Doyle was 57 when he won in 2006.
- Montgomerie (currently tied for third) is attempting to become the fourth player to successfully defend his U.S. Senior Open title. The last to do it was Doyle in 2006.
- The third-round leader has gone on to win 19 of 35 U.S. Senior Opens. The 54-hole leader has not won the championship the last three years.
- The 72 players who are scheduled to complete 72 holes in the 2015 U.S. Open would be a record. The highest previous total was 69 in 2010.
- Three sectional qualifiers (Fowler, Carter and Grant Waite) and two first-time competitors (Waite and Miguel Angel Jimenez) are within two strokes of the lead. The last qualifier to win the championship was Don Pooley in 2002.
- There were no bogey-free rounds on Saturday.
- Jimenez made the only eagle of the day, recording a 3 on the par-5 fourth.
- Russ Cochran has hit 34 of 39 fairways to lead the field.
- Scott Dunlap has hit 44 of 54 greens in regulation to lead the field.
- Scott Hoch leads the field with 81 putts.
- Three players competed in the U.S. Open and U.S. Senior Open in 2015:
 - Colin Montgomerie T-3rd 206
 - Miguel Angel Jimenez T-11th 207
 - Lee Janzen T-21st 210
- Seven past U.S. Senior Open champions made the cut:
 - Bernhard Langer T-1st 205
 - Kenny Perry T-3rd 206
 - Colin Montgomerie T-3rd 206
 - Fred Funk T-3rd 206
 - Olin Browne T-37th 213
 - Brad Bryant T-42nd 214
 - Hale Irwin T-64th 219
- There were 27 amateurs in the field this week. Three made the cut:
 - Mike McCoy T-37th 213
 - Dave Ryan T-64th 219
 - Mike Finster 72nd 224
- If McCoy shoots 68 or better tomorrow, he will record the lowest 72-hole score by an amateur in the U.S. Senior Open.

Course

- The 15th hole played at 627 yards in the third round. It is the longest hole in U.S. Senior Open history. The previous longest hole was 608 yards (seventh at Brooklawn Country Club, 1987 and sixth at Canterbury Golf Club, 1996).

- The 16th hole played as the most difficult in the third round. It was also the most difficult in the first round.
- The par-4 eighth hole has yielded just 17 birdies this week, the fewest of any hole. No player in the top 10 has birdied No. 8 in the championship.

Heat Relief

- The high temperature on Saturday during play at Del Paso Country Club was 90.3 degrees Fahrenheit, more than 12 degrees cooler than the high of 102.6 on Friday.