

2015 U.S. Senior Open – Round 4 Notes

Jeff Maggert

- Jeff Maggert's victory is his first in a USGA championship. He had seven top-10 finishes in 16 U.S. Opens, including third-place finishes in 2002 and 2004.
- Maggert received a gold medal and custody of the Francis D. Ouimet Memorial Trophy for the victory. He will be exempt into the U.S. Senior Open for the next 10 years.
- With the victory, Maggert is also exempt into the 2016 U.S. Open at Oakmont, where he tied for ninth place in the 1994 U.S. Open.
- Maggert also won the season's first senior major, the Regions Tradition, in a playoff over Kevin Sutherland.
- Maggert (2), Colin Montgomerie (3) and Bernhard Langer (3) have won the last eight senior major championships.
- The win is Maggert's third victory and second major championship title in 23 Champions Tour starts. He had three victories and no major championships in 615 starts on the PGA Tour.
- Maggert was 2 over par through 23 holes. He played his final 49 holes in 12 under par.
- Maggert played the difficult stretch of holes 14 through 18 at 6 under par for the week. That is two strokes better than anyone else in the field (Kenny Perry was 4 under).
- Maggert led the field with 19 birdies for the week.

Colin Montgomerie

- It is Montgomerie's fourth runner-up finish in a USGA championship. He was also runner-up in the 1994, 1997 and 2006 U.S. Opens.
- The runner-up finish is the best performance by a defending champion in the U.S. Senior Open since 2006, when Allen Doyle won.
- The second-place finish is Montgomerie's sixth top-three in his last eight senior majors. It is his eighth top-10 finish on the Champions Tour this year.
- Montgomerie received a silver medal for finishing runner-up.

Billy Andrade

- Billy Andrade's 7-under 63 was the low round of the championship. It tied for the second-lowest round in any USGA Open Championship (U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open, U.S. Senior Open).
- Andrade's 63 tied the lowest final round in a U.S. Senior Open. The other players who shot final-round 63s, Perry (2013) and Doyle (2005) won the championship.
- Andrade's Sunday playing partner, Lee Janzen, shot a 6-under 64 in the final round. Those scores are two of the three best rounds of the championship. Perry also shot 64 in the third round.

Bernhard Langer

- This is the fourth time Bernhard Langer was in the final pairing of a U.S. Senior Open. Langer was also in the final pairing in 2010, 2012 and 2014. He won in 2010, finished second in 2012 and tied for ninth in 2014.
- Langer has finished in the top 10 in 10 consecutive senior majors.

Tom Watson

- Tom Watson tied for seventh place, his eighth top-10 finish in a U.S. Senior Open. That is tied for the most with Jack Nicklaus, Hale Irwin and Miller Barber.
- Watson moved past Nicklaus in top-25 finishes in the U.S. Senior Open. It was Watson's 13th top 25 in 14 appearances.

Hale Irwin

- Hale Irwin was playing in his 20th U.S. Senior Open and has completed 72 holes in 16 of those championships. That ties Gil Morgan and Arnold Palmer for most in championship history.
- Irwin's 72 rounds played trails only Palmer (83) and Dale Douglass (80) for most in the U.S. Senior Open.

Players

- The top 15 scorers and ties receive exemptions into next year's championship (Maggert, Montgomerie, Grant Waite, Langer, Andrade, Janzen, Sutherland, Watson, Scott Dunlap, Scott Hoch, Duffy Waldorf, Bart Bryant, Barry Lane, Kenny Perry, Russ Cochran and Jimmy Carter).
- Nine players had a share of the lead early in the final round: Maggert, Montgomerie, Waite, Langer, Janzen, Watson, Sutherland, Carter and Woody Austin.
- The 72 players who completed 72 holes in the 2015 U.S. Senior Open is a record. The highest previous total was 69 in 2010.
- Two sectional qualifiers (Carter and Waite) finished in the top 15 and will be exempt into next year's championship.
- Five players carded bogey-free rounds on Sunday (Montgomerie, Andrade, Hoch, Neil Lancaster and Willie Wood).
- Twenty-three players carded under-par rounds on Sunday. That ties for second-most in a final round in the U.S. Senior Open. There were 25 under-par final rounds at Crooked Stick Golf Club in 2009 and 23 at Saucon Valley Country Club in 1992.
- Waite was the only player to shoot four rounds in the 60s this week.
- Maggert, Montgomerie, Waite, Sutherland, Dunlap and Lane posted four rounds of par or better this week. Last year, only one player, David Frost, accomplished the feat.
- Bryant hit 45 of 52 fairways to lead the field.
- Dunlap hit 60 of 72 greens in regulation to lead the field.
- Hoch and Kohki Idoki led the field with 108 putts.

Double Opens

- Three players competed in the U.S. Open and U.S. Senior Open in 2015:
 - Colin Montgomerie 2nd 272
 - Lee Janzen T-5th 274
 - Miguel Angel Jimenez T-17th 279

Past Champions

- Seven past U.S. Senior Open champions made the cut:
 - Colin Montgomerie 2nd 272
 - Bernhard Langer T-3rd 273
 - Kenny Perry T-12th 277
 - Fred Funk T-20th 280
 - Olin Browne T-38th 284
 - Brad Bryant T-54th 288
 - Hale Irwin 70th 296

Amateurs

- There were 27 amateurs in the field this week. Three made the cut:
 - Mike McCoy T-26th 282
 - Mike Finster 71st 297
 - Dave Ryan 72nd 300
- McCoy's 72-hole total of 282 ties the lowest score for an amateur in the U.S. Senior Open. Tim Jackson also shot 282 in 2009.
- McCoy was the low amateur for the second consecutive year. He received a gold medal for finishing as the low amateur.
- McCoy made two eagles on Sunday. That total led the field for the week.

Course

- The 16th hole played as the most difficult for the championship. It had the highest stroke average – 4.43 – in the first (4.56), third (4.42) and final rounds (4.51).
- The tee markers were moved forward on the par-4 ninth hole in the final round. It measured just 275 yards and yielded 25 birdies.
- The tee markers were also moved forward on the par-5 15th hole. It played 550 yards, 77 yards shorter than in the third round. It yielded two eagles and 29 birdies and was the second-easiest hole in the final round, playing nearly half a stroke easier than on Saturday.

The Golden State

- The 2015 U.S. Senior Open is the 75th USGA championship in California. That is second-most behind Pennsylvania, which has hosted 82.

Aces Wild

- Neil Lancaster made a hole-in-one on the 168-yard second hole with a 7-iron. It is the 20th hole-in-one in the U.S. Senior Open and the first time since 2005 that there have been multiple aces in a Senior Open. Mike Keymont also made a hole-in-one on the second hole in the second round.
- Lancaster's ball hit the hole on the fly and damaged it to the point that it could not be repaired. The hole location was moved 2 ½ feet to the left and the group on the teeing ground had to wait seven minutes while the new hole was cut.

Attendance

- Total attendance for the week was 115,006, and 26,498 on Sunday.