



37th U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND ONE NOTES

PLAYERS

- **Vijay Singh's** 66 ties the lowest round in a U.S. Senior Open played at Scioto. Dale Douglass (first round) and Gary Player (third round) also shot 66s in 1986. The lowest round shot in a USGA championship is 65 by Marvin "Vinny" Giles in the final round of the 1968 U.S. Amateur.
- This is **Singh's** second lead at the end of a round in 2016. Singh shot 63 to lead after 18 holes at the PGA Tour's Sony Open in Hawaii in January.
- **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (2-under 68) and Billy Mayfair (1-under 69) had the only **bogey-free rounds** on Thursday.
- **Jimenez** has five top-3 finishes in seven starts on the PGA Tour Champions this year.
- **Singh** is tied with **Fred Funk** for the lead in **fairways hit** (13 of 14), while **Jimenez** leads in **greens in regulation** (17 of 18).
- **Michael Allen** led the field with 21 **putts** in the first round. That is the fewest in this championship since Bob Gilder had 20 in the second round of the 2006 U.S. Senior Open.
- **Allen** is tied for second after the first round. It is the fifth time in seven U.S. Senior Open starts that he has been fifth or better after 18 holes.
- This is the third consecutive U.S. Senior Open that **Gene Sauers** (2-under 68) has opened with a round in the 60s. He shot first-round 69s in both 2014 and 2015.
- Both **Philip Golding** and **Gary Hallberg** **eagled their first holes of competition** on Thursday. Golding holed a 9-iron from 150 yards on the par-4 first and Hallberg holed a gap wedge from 116 yards on the par-4 10th hole.
- **Bernhard Langer's** 3-over 73 ties his worst round in relation to par this year on the PGA Tour Champions. He also shot a 3-over 75 at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic in April.
- **Langer's** 3-over 73 ties his highest score in his last 29 senior major championship rounds.
- **Dave Eichelberger** (11-over 81) started his 22nd **consecutive U.S. Senior Open** this year. That is third-most all-time behind Dale Douglass and Arnold Palmer.



- Twelve players broke par in the first round. That is the **fewest number of players to break par in a round** at the U.S. Senior Open since 11 players broke par in the final round in 2010 at Sahalee.

PAST CHAMPIONS

- There are 12 **past champions** in the field this week.
 - Olin Browne (2011) T-13 70
 - Jeff Maggert (2015) T-13 70
 - Kenny Perry (2013) T-13 70
 - Brad Bryant (2007) T-25 71
 - Fred Funk (2009) T-25 71
 - Colin Montgomerie (2014) T-38 72
 - Bruce Fleisher (2001) T-38 72
 - Bernhard Langer (2010) T-48 73
 - Hale Irwin (1998, 2000) T-69 75
 - Eduardo Romero (2008) T-81 76
 - Roger Chapman (2012) T-111 78
 - Dave Eichelberger (1999) T-136 81

COURSE

- Measuring 498 yards in the first round, the eighth hole played as the **third-longest par-4** in U.S. Senior Open history. The two longer par-4s were at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colo., where the elevation is 6,035 feet.
- The eighth played as the **most difficult** hole in the first round with a scoring average of 4.73.
- The par-5 sixth played as the **easiest hole** in the first round with a scoring average of 4.85.