



37th U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP – ROUND 4 NOTES

PLAYERS

- **Gene Sauers** joins Roberto De Vincenzo (1980), Tom Weiskopf (1995), Don Pooley (2002), Peter Jacobsen (2004) and Olin Browne (2011) as the only players to make the U.S. Senior Open their first senior victory.
- This is the second time in the last three years that **Sauers** played in the final group in the fourth round of the U.S. Senior Open. He led after three rounds in 2014 at Oak Tree National in Edmond, Okla., where he finished runner-up in a playoff to Colin Montgomerie.
- This is **Sauers'** first victory since the 2002 Air Canada Championship on the PGA Tour.
- **Sauers'** 3-under 277 is the **highest winning score in relation to par** at the U.S. Senior Open since Bruce Fleisher (even par) at Salem C.C. in Peabody, Mass., in 2001.
- With his victory, Sauers earns an exemption into the 117th U.S. Open Championship, to be played June 15-18 at Erin Hills in Erin, Wis.
- Sauers also earns \$675,000 and a 10-year exemption into the U.S. Senior Open.
- With his runner-up finish, **Jimenez** now has finished fourth or better in seven of his eight starts on the PGA Tour Champions this year.
- This is the third consecutive event that **Jimenez** led heading into the final round. On the previous two occasions, he finished tied for third at the Senior Open Championship and runner-up last week in a playoff at the 3M Championship.
- This is the third time that **Jimenez** has failed to win out of four occasions when he played in the final group this year.
- **Billy Mayfair** tied for second in his first U.S. Senior Open. It is the best finish by a first-time participant in the U.S. Senior Open since Roger Chapman in 2012.
- **Ian Woosnam** finished fourth in his first U.S. Senior Open appearance since 2009, when he tied for 22nd. Woosnam tied for 23rd in 2008.
- **Michael Allen's** fifth-place finish is his fourth top-10 in eight U.S. Senior Opens.



- **Allen** drove the green at the 288-yard, par-4 11th hole and made eagle. The tee was moved up more than 100 yards today, dropping the scoring average to 3.62, more than a half-stroke lower than the other three rounds.
- **Joey Sindelar's** tie for sixth is his third top-10 finish in the U.S. Senior Open. He finished runner-up in 2009 and tied for fourth in 2011.
- **Loren Roberts'** tie for ninth is his fifth top-10 finish in the U.S. Senior Open, but his first since a tie for fourth in 2009. He finished second in 2005, tied for eighth in 2006 and third in 2007.
- **Bernhard Langer's** tie for 11th is his 30th consecutive top-15 in a senior major championship.
- No competitors had a **bogey-free round** on Sunday.
- **Tom Lehman** and **Michael Bradley** tied the low rounds of the championship with 4-under 66s on Monday. Vijay Singh (first round) and Joey Sindelar (second round) also shot 66.
- **Scott Verplank** holed his approach shot for eagle on the 428-yard, par-4 16th hole. Verplank used an 8-iron from 147 yards. He joins Langer (11th hole, third round), Jimmy Carter (11th hole, third round), Philip Golding (first hole, first round), Gary Hallberg (10th hole, first round) and Kevin Sutherland (10th hole, second round) as competitors who have holed approach shots for eagle at Scioto this week.
- **Statistical leaders** for the championship
 - Fairways hit Vijay Singh, Jeff Hart, Olin Browne 43 of 56
 - Greens in regulation Jimenez 52 of 72
 - Putts Allen 108
- **Kirk Triplett** and **Fred Funk** withdrew before the beginning of the fourth round. Funk, the 2009 U.S. Senior Open champion, was paired with Kiyoshi Murota at 1:04 p.m. EDT off the 10th tee. Murota joined the 12:54 p.m. EDT group with Tom Watson, Brian Mogg and Mark Calcavecchia.

PAST CHAMPIONS

- Seven **past champions** made the cut this week.
 - Bernhard Langer (2010) T-11 73-70-69-71-283
 - Colin Montgomerie (2014) T-11 72-71-72-68-283
 - Olin Browne (2011) T-18 70-71-74-70-285
 - Jeff Maggert (2015) T-30 70-71-72-75-288
 - Brad Bryant (2007) T-37 71-75-76-68-290
 - Fred Funk (2009) WD 71-73-81-225
 - Kenny Perry (2013) WD 70-74-144



COURSE

- Despite playing more than 50 yards shorter, the par-4 eighth still played as the most difficult hole for the fourth consecutive round with a stroke average of 4.43.
- The par-5 12th played as the easiest hole in the fourth round with a stroke average of 4.55.
- The scoring average in the final round (70.72) was more than three strokes lower than it was in the third round (73.94).
- There were 19 sub-par rounds on Monday. That nearly matched the number of sub-par rounds over the first three rounds combined (26).

WEATHER

- Between 2 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Monday, 2.85 inches of rain fell at Scioto C.C.
- This is the fifth Monday finish at the U.S. Senior Open, but first because of weather. The previous four (1981, 1983, 1988 and 1991) were because of 18-hole playoffs.
- This is the first Monday finish in a USGA Open championship since the 2011 U.S. Women's Open at The Broadmoor (East Course) in Colorado Springs, Colo.