

**41st U.S. SENIOR OPEN NOTEBOOK AND STORYLINES**  
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**WHO'S HERE** – Among the 156 golfers in the 2021 U.S. Senior Open field, there are:

**U.S. Senior Open champions (10):** Olin Browne (2011), Brad Bryant (2007), Roger Chapman (2012), Fred Funk (2009), Bernhard Langer (2010), Jeff Maggert (2015), Colin Montgomerie (2014), Kenny Perry (2013, '17), Gene Sauers (2016) and David Toms (2018)

**U.S. Senior Open runners-up (14):** Fred Funk (2008, '12, '13), Miguel Angel Jimenez (2016, '18), Jerry Kelly (2018, '19), Bernhard Langer (2012), Tom Lehman (2012), Billy Mayfair (2016), Colin Montgomerie (2015), Mark O'Meara (2011), Corey Pavin (2012), Tim Petrovic (2018), Gene Sauers (2014), Joey Sindelar (2009), David Toms (2019) and Kirk Triplett (2017)

**U.S. Open champions (5):** Ernie Els (1994, '97), Jim Furyk (2003), Retief Goosen (2001, '04), Lee Janzen (1993, '98) and Corey Pavin (1995)

**U.S. Open runners-up (7):** Ernie Els (2000), Jim Furyk (2006, '07, '16), Miguel Angel Jimenez (2000), Tom Lehman (1996), Rocco Mediate (2008), Colin Montgomerie (1994, '97, 2006) and Jeff Sluman (1992)

**U.S. Amateur champions (4):** Billy Mayfair (1987), Mark O'Meara (1979), Sam Randolph (1985) and Scott Verplank (1984)

**U.S. Amateur runners-up (1):** Sam Randolph (1984)

**U.S. Junior Amateur champions (1):** Brett Quigley (1987)

**U.S. Mid-Amateur champions (1):** Michael McCoy (2013)

**U.S. Mid-Amateur runners-up (1):** Tim Hogarth (2010)

**U.S. Senior Amateur champions (2):** Bob Royak (2019) and Jeff Wilson (2018)

**U.S. Senior Amateur runners-up (1):** Roger Newsom (2019)

**U.S. Amateur Public Links champions (2):** Billy Mayfair (1986) and Tim Hogarth (1996)

**U.S. Amateur Four-Ball champions (1):** Todd White (2015)

**USGA champions (25):** Olin Browne (2011 U.S. Senior Open), Brad Bryant (2007 U.S. Senior Open), Roger Chapman (2012 Senior Open), Ernie Els (1994, '97 U.S. Open), Fred Funk (2009 U.S. Senior Open), Jim Furyk (2003 U.S. Open), Retief Goosen (2001, '04 U.S. Open), Tim Hogarth (1996 U.S. Amateur Public Links), Lee Janzen (1993, '98 U.S. Open), Bernhard Langer (2010 U.S. Senior Open), Jeff Maggert (2015 U.S. Senior Open), Billy Mayfair (1986 U.S. Amateur Public Links, 1987 U.S. Amateur), Michael McCoy (2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur), Colin Montgomerie (2014 U.S. Senior Open), Mark O'Meara (1979 U.S. Amateur), Corey Pavin (1995 U.S. Open), Kenny Perry (2013, '17 U.S. Senior Open), Brett Quigley (1987 U.S. Junior Amateur), Sam Randolph (1985 U.S. Amateur), Bob Royak (2019 U.S. Senior Amateur), Gene Sauers (2016 U.S. Senior Open), David Toms (2018 U.S. Senior Open), Scott Verplank (1984 U.S. Amateur), Todd White (2015 U.S. Amateur Four-Ball), Jeff Wilson (2018 U.S. Senior Amateur)

**Walker Cup Team Members:**

**United States (8):** Billy Andrade (1987), Jay Haas (1975), Billy Mayfair (1987), Michael McCoy (2015), Corey Pavin (1981), Sam Randolph (1985), Scott Verplank (1985) and Todd White (2013).

**Great Britain & Ireland (2):** Roger Chapman (1981) and Colin Montgomerie (1985, '87)

**NCAA Division I champions (2):** Jay Haas (1975) and Scott Verplank (1986)

**NCAA Division II champions (1):** Lee Janzen (1986)

**World Amateur Team Championship competitors (9):** Stephen Ames (1986, Trinidad & Tobago), Billy Andrade (1986, USA), Markus Brier (1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, Austria), Masahiro Kuramoto (1976, Japan), Colin Montgomerie (19984, 1986, Great Britain & Ireland), Jose Maria Olazabal (1982, 1984, Spain), Jean-Francois Remesy (1986, France), Vijay Singh (1980, Fiji), Scott Verplank (1984, USA)

**TOTAL U.S. SENIOR OPENS WON BY 2021 CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD (11):** Kenny Perry (2), Olin Browne (1), Brad Bryant (1), Roger Chapman (1), Fred Funk (1), Bernhard Langer (1), Jeff Maggert (1), Colin Montgomerie (1), Gene Sauers (1) and David Toms (1)

**PLAYERS IN FIELD WITH MOST U.S. SENIOR OPEN APPEARANCES (2021 included) –** Jay Haas (16), Brad Bryant (15), Fred Funk (13), Bernhard Langer (13), Mark O'Meara (13) and Jeff Sluman (13)

**ACTIVE CONSECUTIVE U.S. SENIOR OPEN APPEARANCES (2021 included) –** Bernhard Langer (13), Jeff Sluman (13) and Tom Lehman (12)

**CHAMPIONSHIP FIELD –** The USGA accepted 2,999 entries in 2021, the third-highest total in championship history. Chris Germann, a 58-year-old amateur from Austin, Texas, submitted his entry four minutes before the deadline of 5 p.m. EDT on May 12. Doug Clapp, a 54-year-old amateur from Walpole, Mass., was the first entrant on Feb. 24. The record for entries is 3,101 in 2002.

The 156-player field includes 74 fully exempt golfers, 10 of whom are U.S. Senior Open champions. Qualifying was played over 18 holes at 34 sites across the United States between May 17 and June 14. There were qualifying sites in 27 states, including five in California, three in Florida and two in Texas.

The USGA accepted entries from golfers in all 50 states, including 22 from host state Nebraska, and the District of Columbia, as well as 41 foreign countries.

**AMATEURS –** There are 34 amateurs in the 156-player field, the most since 2012. There are 20 or more amateurs competing for the sixth consecutive U.S. Senior Open. Jeff Wilson, who in 2018 was the low amateur in the U.S. Senior Open and the U.S. Senior Amateur champion, is among this group.

Wilson, who turned 58 on June 14, tied for 31st in the 2018 U.S. Senior Open, held at The Broadmoor (East Course), in Colorado Springs, Colo. He became the second player to earn low amateur in both the U.S. Open and U.S. Senior Open in his career, joining Marvin "Vinny" Giles III. Wilson was 59th in the 2000 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links. Wilson, a general sales manager for an automobile dealership, has competed in 37 USGA championships, including five U.S. Senior Opens.

Robby Funk, 58, was the low amateur in the 2017 U.S. Senior Open, finishing T-54 with a 72-hole score of 8-over-par 288 at Salem Country Club, in Peabody, Mass. His grandfather, John, who was the son of the Funk and Wagnalls Dictionary founder, introduced him to the game. Robby has played in 10 USGA championships, including a tie for 60th in the 2018 U.S. Senior Open.

Michael McCoy, 58, is playing in his eighth U.S. Senior Open. He was the low amateur in 2014 and 2015. McCoy, who has competed in 62 USGA championships, won the 2013 U.S. Mid-Amateur at the Country Club of Birmingham (Ala.), becoming the second-oldest winner of the championship at age 50. He was a member of the 2015 USA Walker Cup Team.

Bob Royak, 59, won the 2019 U.S. Senior Amateur by defeating Roger Newsom, 1 up, in the final at Old Chatham Golf Club. Royak has competed in 18 USGA championships, including two U.S. Senior Opens (2012, 2019). Royak, who is vice president for an executive search firm, was the 2017 Georgia State Golf Association Senior Player of the Year. He and his wife assist in finding families for Russian orphans.

Tim Hogarth, 55, won the 1996 U.S. Amateur Public Links Championship and was the runner-up to Nathan Smith in the 2010 U.S. Mid-Amateur. He is playing in his fourth U.S. Senior Open and 34th USGA championship.

**Note:** There were 23 amateurs in the 2019 U.S. Senior Open at The Warren Course at Notre Dame. It was the first time since 2003 that no amateur made the 36-hole cut. William C. (Bill) Campbell (1980) and Tim Jackson (2009) are the only amateurs to hold the lead at a U.S. Senior Open through 36 holes.

### Amateurs in Senior Open

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Made Cut</u>	<u>Low Finisher</u>
2021	34	--	-----
2020	No Championship		
2019	23	0	-----
2018	24	3	Jeff Wilson (tie, 31st)
2017	20	1	Robby Funk (tie, 54th)
2016	23	1	Chip Lutz (tie, 37th)
2015	27	3	Michael McCoy (tie, 26th)
2014	17	2	Michael McCoy (tie, 26th)
2013	28	1	Doug Hanzel (56th)
2012	35	2	Doug Hanzel (tie, 53rd)
2011	29	1	Tim Jackson (tie, 50th)
2010	30	3	Tim Jackson (tie, 32nd)
2009	28	3	Tim Jackson (tie, 11th)
2008	29	6	Danny Green (tie, 37th)
2007	31	5	Danny Green and George Zahringer (tie, 33rd)
2006	33	1	Randy Reifers (tie, 47th)
2005	30	4	Greg Reynolds and George Zahringer (tie, 31st)
2004	25	1	Patrick Tallent (tie, 54th)
2003	33	0	-----
2002	29	2	Bob Clark (tie, 56th)
2001	26	4	Paul Simson (tie, 40th)
2000	26	4	Kemp Richardson (tie, 47th)
1999	23	2	Kemp Richardson (tie, 46th)
1998	30	1	Joel Hirsch (tie, 59th)
1997	29	4	Marvin (Vinny) Giles III (tie, 55th)
1996	32	3	Marvin (Vinny) Giles III (tie, 54th)
1995	40	3	Bob Housen (tie, 38th)
1994	36	4	Johnny Stevens (tie, 28th)
1993	39	5	Marvin (Vinny) Giles III (tie, 35th)
1992	38	4	Morris Beecroft (tie, 32nd)
1991	37	5	Jim Patti (tie, 34th)
1990	39	5	Gary Cowan (tie, 31st)
1989	43	10	Jim McMurtrey (tie, 28th)
1988	47	10	Bob Housen (tie, 25th)
1987	43	9	Dennis Iden (tie, 42nd)
1986	37	7	Robert Hoff (tie, 37th)
1985	53	7	William Hyndman III (tie, 18th)
1984	54	13	Dale Morey and Fordie Pitts Jr. (tie, 13th)
1983	46	9	Robert Rawlins (tie, 15th)
1982	42	4	John Harbottle (42nd)
1981	45	6	Glenn Johnson (tie, 16th)
1980	67	16	William C. Campbell (2nd)

**QUALIFIERS** – Carlos Franco, Joey Sindelar, Matt Gogel and Sam Randolph, who have all been victorious on the PGA Tour, and four-time PGA Tour Champions winner Esteban Toledo are among the 82 U.S. Senior Open qualifiers.

Franco, who shot 67 to earn medalist honors in the Columbus, Ohio, qualifier, has won four PGA Tour events and been a winner on PGA Tour Champions and the Japan Golf Tour. Sindelar, who has competed in 11 U.S. Senior Opens, owns seven PGA Tour victories and tied for sixth in the 1992 U.S.

Open. Gogel claimed the 2002 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and won six Nike Tour (now Korn Ferry Tour) events. Randolph, who won the 1985 U.S. Amateur, won the 1987 Bank of Boston Classic. Toledo was medalist with a 67 in the Milton, Ga., qualifier to earn his eighth trip to the U.S. Senior Open.

Doug Garwood and Fran Quinn tied for 14th in the 2019 U.S. Senior Open, the best finishes by qualifiers. In the previous two Senior Opens, qualifier Tim Petrovic tied for second in 2018 at The Broadmoor and Glen Day tied for sixth in 2017 at Salem Country Club.

**Note:** In 2002, Don Pooley became the only player to win the U.S. Senior Open as a qualifier.

### Qualifiers in Senior Open

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Made Cut</u>	<u>Low Finisher – Qualifying Site</u>
2021	82	---	----
2020	No Championship		
2019	81	10	Doug Garwood, Fran Quinn (tie, 14th) – Annandale
(Calif.) & Worthington Hills (Ohio)			
2018	90	18	Tim Petrovic (tie, 2nd) – Briarwood (Iowa)
2017	80	14	Glen Day (6th) – Deerwood (Texas)
2016	80	15	Glen Day, Jeff Gallagher (tie, 18th) – Bent Tree (Texas)
& Gold Mountain (Wash.)			
2015	85	24	Grant Waite (tie, 3rd) – Trump (Fla.)
2014	86	20	Marco Dawson (tie, 5th) – Timuquana (Fla.)
2013	85	15	Bart Bryant (tie, 9th) – Ruth Lake (Ill.)
2012	85	16	Lance Ten Broeck (tie, 9th) – Arcola (N.J.)
2011	86	15	Steve Pate (tie, 9th) – Seven Oaks (N.Y.)
2010	92	25	J.L. Lewis and John Morse (tie, 12th) – Oak Hills (Texas)
& Meadowbrook (Mich.)			
2009	83	16	Russ Cochran (3rd) – Brickyard Crossing (Ind.)
2008	85	17	Jeff Klein (tie, 9th) – Colorado GC
2007	91	21	Jim Woodward (tie, 11th) – Willowbend (Kan.)
2006	89	16	Andy Bean (tie, 5th) – Mattapoissett (Mass.)
2005	87	21	Perry Arthur (tie, 14th) – River Crest (Texas)
2004	86	16	John Harris (11th) – Lost Dunes (Mich.)
2003	81	15	R.W. Eaks and Dan Halldorson (tie, 19th) – Tuscany
Falls (Ariz.) & Sunset (Mo.)			
2002	89	17	Don Pooley (won) – Hillwood (Tenn.)
2001	90	21	Ted Goin (tie, 16th) – Fairmount (N.J.)
2000	88	20	Ed Sabo (tie, 15th) – West Orange (Fla.)
1999	96	23	Frank Conner (tie, 8th)
1998	95	18	Dan Wood (tie, 7th)
1997	95	24	Hugh Baiocchi and Leonard Thompson (tie, 5th)
1996	100	22	Frank Conner (tie, 12th)
1995	101	19	Brian Barnes (tie, 12th)
1994	104	23	Dave Eichelberger (tie, 13th)
1993	98	18	Tommy Aycock (tie, 7th)
1992	97	25	Carl Lohren (tie, 14th)
1991	107	28	Babe Hiskey (tie, 15th)
1990	105	28	Rocky Thompson (tie, 15th)
1989	95	34	Jim Dent (tie, 3rd)
1988	95	23	J.C. Goosie (tie, 15th)
1987	102	29	Don Massengale (5th)
1986	95	31	Bob Toski (tie, 10th)
1985	99	30	Walter Zembriski (tie, 4th)
1984	107	33	Al Mengert (tie, 10th)
1983	111	38	Guy Wolstenholme (4th)
1982	111	25	Ken Towns (7th)
1981	104	27	Bob Stone (tie, 2nd)
1980	125	36	Charles Sifford (4th)

### QUALIFYING HISTORY

Todd White, who was a member of the winning 2013 USA Walker Cup Team, carded the lowest round (65) in qualifying on June 2 at Green Valley Country Club, in Greenville, S.C. In 2018, Kent Jones matched the lowest round in U.S. Senior Open qualifying history with a bogey-free 63 in the Santa Fe, N.M., qualifier. He had one eagle and seven birdies at Las Campanas (Sunset Course). Leonard Thompson fired a 63 at Florence (S.C.) Country Club in 2006 and Jimmy Blanks shot the same score at Grenelefe Golf & Tennis Resort, in Haines City, Fla., in 1996.

#### **U.S. Senior Open Qualifying Low Scores (Since 1980)**

63, Kent Jones, 2018 (The Club at Las Campanas; Santa Fe, N.M.)  
63, Leonard Thompson, 2006 (Florence, S.C.; Florence C.C.)  
63, Jimmy Blanks, 1996 (Haines City, Fla.; Grenelefe Golf & Tennis Resort)  
64, Clark Dennis, 2017 (Dallas, Texas; Las Colinas Country Club)  
64, Brad Lardon, 2016 (The Woodlands, Texas; Club at Carlton Woods / Nicklaus Course)  
64, Bill Harvey, 2014 (Albuquerque, N.M.; Albuquerque C.C.)  
64, a-Bert Atkinson, 2009 (Florence, S.C.; Florence C.C.)  
64, Steve Haskins, 2009 (Albuquerque, N.M.; Albuquerque C.C.)  
64, Wesley Burton, 2007 (Boynton Beach, Fla.; Quail Ridge C.C. / North Course)  
64, Rod Souza, 2004 (Copperopolis, Calif.; Saddle Creek C.C.)  
64, Robert Gaona, 2002 (Goodyear, Ariz.; Tuscany Falls C.C.)  
64, Dick McClean, 2001 (Redlands, Calif.; Redlands C.C.)  
64, Steve Moreland, 2000 (Charlotte, N.C.; Cedarwood C.C.)

#### **2021 U.S. SENIOR OPEN NOTES**

- ▶ Omaha Country Club will be hosting its second U.S. Senior Open Championship (2013)
- ▶ Omaha Country Club will be the seventh course to host the U.S. Senior Open twice
- ▶ The 41st U.S. Senior Open will be the fourth USGA championship to be conducted in Nebraska
- ▶ This will be the seventh time the U.S. Senior Open Championship is held in the Central Plains

#### **USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS IN NEBRASKA**

This will be the fourth USGA championship held in Nebraska and the second U.S. Senior Open held in the state. In 1941, Marvin (Bud) Ward defeated Pat Abbott to win the U.S. Amateur at the Field Club of Omaha. In 1996 at Firethorn Golf Club in Lincoln, Kelli Kuehne won her second consecutive U.S. Women's Amateur title.

1941 U.S. Amateur: Field Club of Omaha, Marvin Ward def. B. Patrick Abbott, 4 and 3  
1996 U.S. Women's Amateur: Firethorn G.C., Kelli Kuehne def. Marisa Baena, 2 and 1  
2013 U.S. Senior Open: Omaha C.C., Kenny Perry won by five strokes over Fred Funk (267-272)

#### **OTHER CHAMPIONSHIPS AT OMAHA COUNTRY CLUB**

Omaha Country Club has hosted the Nebraska State Amateur on 16 occasions, most recently in 2016. Johnny Goodman, the last amateur to win the U.S. Open, in 1933, is an Omaha native who won the second of his three consecutive Nebraska State Amateurs at Omaha C.C. in 1930.

#### **U.S. SENIOR OPENS IN THE CENTRAL PLAINS**

1983 U.S. Senior Open: Hazeltine National Golf Club, Chaska, Minn. (Billy Casper)  
1999 U.S. Senior Open: Des Moines Golf & Country Club, West Des Moines, Iowa (Dave Eichelberger)  
2004 U.S. Senior Open: Bellerive Country Club, St. Louis, Mo. (Peter Jacobsen)  
2006 U.S. Senior Open: Prairie Dunes Country Club, Hutchinson, Kan. (Allen Doyle)  
2013 U.S. Senior Open: Omaha Country Club, Omaha, Neb. (Kenny Perry)  
2014 U.S. Senior Open: Oak Tree National, Edmond, Okla. (Colin Montgomerie)  
2018 U.S. Senior Open: The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo. (David Toms)

#### **2013 U.S. SENIOR OPEN**

Kenny Perry carded a 7-under-par 63 in Round 4 that matched the week's low round and was one off the championship record to win the 2013 U.S. Senior Open Championship by five strokes at Omaha Country Club. Perry's 72-hole score of 13-under 267 was well ahead of runner-up Fred Funk (272). Corey Pavin and Rocco Mediate tied for third at 7-under 273.

Perry's 127 total over the final two rounds shattered the U.S. Senior Open record by three strokes and his 10-stroke comeback over the final 36 holes is the largest in championship history. Perry became the third

player to win the Senior Open and Senior Players in the same year, joining Gary Player (1987) and Orville Moody (1989).

Perry, who matched Hale Irwin for the lowest 72-hole score in U.S. Senior Open history at the time, started the day two strokes behind 54-hole leader Michael Allen, who shot a 2-over 72 to finish fifth at 274. Perry raced by the field with a 5-under 30 on the outward nine. During one stretch, he birdied five of six holes.

**2021 U.S. Senior Open Players Who Competed in 2013 U.S. Senior Open (23):** Robin Byrd (MC), Roger Chapman (MC), Fred Couples (T-14), Peter Fowler (T-35), Fred Funk (2), Jay Haas (T-35), Barry Lane (T-23), Bernhard Langer (T-14), Tom Lehman (T-9), a-Michael McCoy (MC), Rocco Mediate (T-3), Colin Montgomerie (T-30), Mark O'Meara (19), Corey Pavin (T-3), Tom Pernice Jr. (T-23), Kenny Perry (1), John Riegger (T-23), Gene Sauers (T-35), Joey Sindelar (MC), Jeff Sluman (T-6), Esteban Toledo (T-30), Kirk Triplett (T-9), a-Jeff Wilson (MC)

**HOLE BY HOLE** – Omaha Country Club will be set up at 6,891 yards and will play to a par of 35-35–70. The yardage for each round of the championship will vary due to course setup and conditions.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Out
Par	4	5	3	4	3	5	3	4	4	35
Yards	385	548	247	413	188	540	191	477	434	3,423

Hole	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	In
Par	4	3	4	4	4	3	5	4	4	35
Yards	500	165	476	313	379	223	558	398	456	3,468

**COURSE RATING AND SLOPE** – Based on the course setup for the championship, the Course Rating™ is 75.4. The Slope Rating® is 137.

**ARCHITECT** – Omaha Country Club was established in 1899, and the course on the current site was designed in 1925 by William Langford and Theodore Moreau on 190 acres of farmland and forested countryside. Perry Maxwell, a founding member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects, was commissioned to redesign the course in 1951. Keith Foster directed major renovations and enhancements to the course in 2005.

**LONGEST U.S. SENIOR OPEN COURSES**

- 7,269 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., second round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
- 7,249 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), first round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
- 7,248 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), fourth round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 7,241 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., first round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
- 7,223 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., fourth round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
- 7,217 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), first round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 7,208 yards, Crooked Stick G.C., third round, Carmel, Ind., 2009
- 7,192 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), third round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 7,185 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), fourth round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018
- 7,164 yards, Inverness Club, fourth round, Toledo, Ohio, 2011
- 7,156 yards, The Broadmoor (East Course), third round, Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018

**LONG HOLES** – In 2019, the Warren Course at Notre Dame featured the longest par 3 in U.S. Senior Open history, the 250-yard fifth hole in the fourth round. The Broadmoor's 12th hole on the East Course is the second-longest and played to 244 yards in the first round of the 2008 championship.

**LONGEST PAR 3s IN U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY**

- 250 yards, 5th, fourth round, The Warren G.C. at Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., 2019
- 244 yards, 12th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 240 yards, 5th, first round, The Warren G.C. at Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., 2019
- 239 yards, 12th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008
- 238 yards, 12th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018

237 yards, 14th, third round, Scioto C.C., Columbus, Ohio, 2016  
 235 yards, 15th, second round, Inverness Club, Toledo, Ohio, 2011  
 234 yards, 17th, fourth round, Del Paso C.C., Sacramento, Calif., 2015  
 233 yards, 14th, second round, Scioto C.C., Columbus, Ohio, 2016  
 231 yards, 3rd, third round, Omaha (Neb.) C.C., 2013  
 231 yards, 16th, fourth round, at Omaha (Neb.) C.C., 2013

**LONGEST PAR 4s IN U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY**

559 yards, 17th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018  
 545 yards, 17th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008  
 545 yards, 17th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008  
 538 yards, 17th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018  
 532 yards, 17th, fourth round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018  
 517 yards, 17th, third round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018  
 510 yards, 17th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008  
 503 yards, 10th, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018  
 502 yards, 10th, fourth round, Omaha (Neb.) C.C., 2013  
 502 yards, 10th, second round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018

**LONGEST PAR 5s IN U.S. SENIOR OPEN HISTORY**

627 yards, 15th, third round, Del Paso C.C., Sacramento, Calif., 2015  
 608 yards, 7th, Brooklawn Country Club, Fairfield, Conn., 1987  
 608 yards, 6th, Canterbury Golf Club, Beachwood, Ohio, 1996  
 608 yards, 3rd, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018  
 608 yards, 3rd, fourth round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2018  
 604 yards, 15th, first round, Del Paso Country Club, Sacramento, Calif., 2015  
 601 yards, 3rd, first round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008  
 601 yards, 3rd, fourth round, The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo., 2008  
 600 yards, 5th, second round, Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Ind., 2009  
 600 yards, 5th, fourth round, Crooked Stick Golf Club, Carmel, Ind., 2009  
 600 yards, 14th, first round, Oak Tree National, Edmond, Okla., 2014

**THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED IN THE SENIOR OPEN –**

Colin Montgomerie – the last international winner (2014)  
 Allen Doyle – the last to defend title successfully (2006)  
 Steve Stricker – the last to win in his first attempt (2019)  
 David Toms – the last to win in his second attempt (2018)  
 Olin Browne – the last start-to-finish winner with no ties (2011)  
 Hale Irwin – the last winner to birdie the 72nd hole to win by one stroke (1998)  
 Gary Player – the last winner without a round in the 60s (1988)  
 Steve Stricker – the last winner with all rounds in the 60s (2019)  
 Gene Sauers – the last defending champion to miss the cut (2017)  
 Don Pooley – the last winner to come through qualifying (2002)

**FUTURE U.S. SENIOR OPENS**

June 23-26, 2022: Saucon Valley Country Club (Old Course), Bethlehem, Pa.  
 June 29-July 2, 2023: SentryWorld, Stevens Point, Wis.  
 June 27-20, 2024: Newport (R.I.) Country Club  
 June 26-29, 2025: The Broadmoor (East Course), Colorado Springs, Colo.

**PAST SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONS** – Since the U.S. Senior Open began in 1980, three players have successfully defended their title: Miller Barber (1984-'85), Gary Player (1987-'88) and Allen Doyle (2005-'06). In 2018, David Toms became the second player to win the championship after missing the cut the previous year.

**In Defense of the Senior Open**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Champion</u>	<u>Previous Year</u>	<u>Result in Defense</u>
2020	No Championship		
2019	Steve Stricker	did not play	did not play (2021)
2018	David Toms	missed cut	tie, 2nd

2017	Kenny Perry	withdrew	tie, 40th
2016	Gene Sauers	tie, 47th	missed cut
2015	Jeff Maggert	tie, 55th	tie, 30th
2014	Colin Montgomerie	tie, 30th	2nd
2013	Kenny Perry	missed cut	tie, 14th
2012	Roger Chapman	did not play	missed cut
2011	Olin Browne	tie, 3rd	tie, 36th
2010	Bernhard Langer	4th	tie, 12th
2009	Fred Funk	2nd	tie, 43rd
2008	Eduardo Romero	tie, 22nd	tie, 19th
2007	Brad Bryant	tie, 14th	tie, 14th
2006	Allen Doyle	won	missed cut
2005	Allen Doyle	tie, 42nd	won
2004	Peter Jacobsen	did not play	tie, 26th
2003	Bruce Lietzke	tie, 21st	tie, 19th
2002	Don Pooley	did not play	tie, 43rd
2001	Bruce Fleisher	2nd	missed cut
2000	Hale Irwin	tie, 3rd	tie, 11th
1999	Dave Eichelberger	56th	tie, 34th
1998	Hale Irwin	tie, 5th	tie, 3rd
1997	Graham Marsh	4th	missed cut
1996	Dave Stockton	tie, 21st	missed cut
1995	Tom Weiskopf	tie, 4th	tie, 35th
1994	Simon Hobday	tie, 10th	tie, 35th
1993	Jack Nicklaus	tie, 3rd	tie, 7th
1992	Larry Laoretti	did not play	tie, 46th
1991	Jack Nicklaus	2nd	tie, 3rd
1990	Lee Trevino	did not play	tie, 4th
1989	Orville Moody	tie, 4th	tie, 11th
1988	Gary Player	won	tie, 9th
1987	Gary Player	2nd	won
1986	Dale Douglass	did not play	tie, 6th
1985	Miller Barber	won	7th
1984	Miller Barber	3rd	won
1983	Billy Casper	tie, 13th	tie, 14th
1982	Miller Barber	6th	3rd
1981	Arnold Palmer	did not play	tie, 5th
1980	Roberto De Vicenzo	did not play	did not play

### WHAT THE CHAMPION RECEIVES

Among the benefits the 2021 U.S. Senior Open champion receives are:

- ▶ A gold medal and custody of the Francis D. Ouimet Memorial Trophy for the ensuing year
- ▶ An exemption from final qualifying for the 2022 U.S. Open Championship
- ▶ An exemption from qualifying for the next 10 U.S. Senior Open Championships

**SENIOR MAJOR CHAMPIONS** – Alex Cejka has won two of the three senior major championships contested in 2021. Jerry Kelly, a two-time U.S. Senior Open runner-up, won the only senior major played in 2020 due to the pandemic. Bernhard Langer has won 11 senior major professional titles. Langer became the all-time leader in that category with his 2017 Senior PGA Championship victory. Jack Nicklaus is second with eight and Hale Irwin is third with seven.

### Winners of Recent Senior Major Championships

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner (Championship)</u>	<u>Result</u>
2021	Steve Stricker (Senior Players)	(-7, 273)
2021	Alex Cejka (Senior PGA)	(-8, 272)
2021	Alex Cejka (Tradition)	(-18, 270)
2020	Jerry Kelly (Senior Players)	(-3, 277)
2019	Bernhard Langer (Sr. Open Champ.)	(-6, 274)
2019	Retief Goosen (Senior Players)	(-6, 274)



2019	Steve Stricker (U.S. Senior Open)	(-19, 261)
2019	Ken Tanigawa (Senior PGA)	(-3, 277)
2019	Steve Stricker (Tradition)	(-18, 270)
2018	Miguel Angel Jimenez (Sr. Open Champ.)	(-12, 276)
2018	Vijay Singh (Senior Players)	(-20, 268)
2018	David Toms (U.S. Senior Open)	(-3, 277)
2018	Paul Broadhurst (Senior PGA)	(-19, 265)
2018	Miguel Angel Jimenez (Tradition)	(-19, 269)
2017	Bernhard Langer (Sr. Open Champ.)	(-4, 280)
2017	Scott McCarron (Senior Players)	(-18, 270)
2017	Kenny Perry (U.S. Senior Open)	(-16, 264)
2017	Bernhard Langer (Senior PGA)	(-18, 270)
2017	Bernhard Langer (Tradition)	(-20, 268)
2016	Gene Sauers (U.S. Senior Open)	(-3, 277)
2016	Paul Broadhurst (Sr. Open Champ.)	(-11, 277)
2016	Bernhard Langer (Senior Players)	(+1, 281)
2016	Rocco Mediate (Senior PGA)	(-19, 265)
2016	Bernhard Langer (Tradition)	(-17, 271)
2015	Marco Dawson (Sr. Open Champ.)	(-16, 264)
2015	Jeff Maggert (U.S. Senior Open)	(-10, 270)
2015	Bernhard Langer (Senior Players)	(-19, 265)
2015	Colin Montgomerie (Senior PGA)	(-8, 280)
2015	Jeff Maggert (Tradition)	(-14, 274, def. Kevin Sutherland in playoff)
2014	Bernhard Langer (Sr. Open Champ.)	(-18, 266)
2014	Colin Montgomerie (U.S. Senior Open)	(-5, 279, def. Gene Sauers in playoff)
2014	Bernhard Langer (Senior Players)	(-15, 265, def. Jeff Sluman in playoff)
2014	Colin Montgomerie (Senior PGA)	(-13, 271)
2014	Kenny Perry (Tradition)	(-7, 281)
2013	Mark Wiebe (Sr. Open Champ.)	(-9, 271, def. Bernhard Langer in playoff)
2013	Kenny Perry (U.S. Senior Open)	(-13, 267)
2013	Kenny Perry (Senior Players)	(-19, 261)
2013	David Frost (Tradition)	(-16, 272)
2013	Kohki Idoki (Senior PGA)	(-11, 273)
2012	Fred Couples (Sr. Open Champ.)	(-9, 271)
2012	Roger Chapman (U.S. Senior Open)	(-10, 270)
2012	Joe Daley (Senior Players)	(-14, 266)
2012	Tom Lehman (Tradition)	(-14, 274)
2012	Roger Chapman (Senior PGA)	(-13, 271)
2011	Fred Couples (Senior Players)	(-11, 273, def. John Cook in playoff)
2011	Olin Browne (U.S. Senior Open)	(-15, 269)
2011	Russ Cochran (Sr. Open Champ.)	(-12, 276)
2011	Tom Watson (Senior PGA)	(-10, 278, def. David Eger in playoff)
2011	Tom Lehman (Tradition)	(-13, 275, def. Peter Senior in playoff)
2010	Mark O'Meara (Senior Players)	(-7, 273, def. Michael Allen in playoff)
2010	Fred Funk (Tradition)	(-12, 276)
2010	Bernhard Langer (U.S. Senior Open)	(-8, 272)
2010	Bernhard Langer (Sr. Open Champ.)	(-5, 279)
2010	Tom Lehman (Senior PGA)	(-7, 281, def. F. Couples & D. Frost in playoff)

**CAREER SENIOR MAJOR LEADERS** – Bernhard Langer, who has won all five senior major professional titles, is the career leader in that category with 11. Jack Nicklaus, a two-time U.S. Senior Open champion, is second with eight senior major professional titles. Hale Irwin, who won the U.S. Senior Open in 1998 and 2000, is third with seven senior majors.

### **Career Senior Major Leaders**

#### Number, Winners, Years of Championships

11, **Bernhard Langer** (2010 U.S. Senior Open; 2014, '15, '16 Senior Players; 2010, '14, '17, '19 Sr. Open Champ.; 2016, '17 Tradition; 2017 Senior PGA)

8, Jack Nicklaus (1991, '93 U.S. Senior Open; 1990, '91, '95, '96 Tradition; 1990 Senior Players, 1991 Senior PGA)

- 7, Hale Irwin (1998, 2000 U.S. Senior Open; 1996, '97, '98, 2004 Senior PGA; 1999 Senior Players)
- 6, Gary Player (1987, '88 U.S. Senior Open; 1986 '88, '90 Senior PGA; 1987 Senior Players)
- 6, Tom Watson (2003, '05, '07 Sr. Open Champ.; 2001, '11 Senior PGA; 2003 Tradition)
- 5, Miller Barber (1982, '84, '85 U.S. Senior Open; 1981 Senior PGA; 1983 Senior Players)
- 5, Arnold Palmer (1981 U.S. Senior Open; 1980, '84 Senior PGA; 1984, '85 Senior Players)
- 4, Allen Doyle (2005, '06 U.S. Senior Open; 1999 Senior PGA; 2001 Senior Players)
- 4, Raymond Floyd (1996, 2000 Senior Players; 1994 Tradition; 1995 Senior PGA)
- 4, **Kenny Perry** (2013, '17 U.S. Senior Open; 2013 Senior Players; 2014 Tradition)
- 4, Loren Roberts (2006, '09 Sr. Open Champ.; 2005 Tradition; 2007 Senior Players)
- 4, Lee Trevino (1990 U.S. Senior Open; 1992, '94 Senior PGA; 1992 Tradition)
- 3, **Fred Funk** (2009 U.S. Senior Open; 2008, '10 Tradition)
- 3, **Jay Haas** (2006, '08 Senior PGA; 2009 Senior Players)
- 3, **Tom Lehman** (2011, '12 Tradition; 2010 Senior PGA)
- 3, **Colin Montgomerie** (2014 Senior PGA; 2014 U.S. Senior Open; 2015 Senior PGA)
- 3, Gil Morgan (1997, '98 Tradition; 1998 Senior Players)
- 3, Dave Stockton (1996 U.S. Senior Open; 1992, '94 Senior Players)
- 3, Steve Stricker (2019 U.S. Senior Open; 2019 Tradition; 2021 Senior Players)

**Bold** – 2021 U.S. Senior Open competitor

### TELEVISION SCHEDULE

The 41st U.S. Senior Open will receive at least 20 hours of live network coverage. Rolex is the exclusive presenting partner of coverage for eight USGA championships in 2021, including the U.S. Senior Open. Rolex's commitment will allow an uninterrupted broadcast of these championships, providing fans with hours of continuous live action.

Led by producer Brandt Packer and director John DeVecchio, NBCUniversal's production will utilize a roster of broadcasters that includes two past USGA champions – Lanny Wadkins (1970 U.S. Amateur) and John Cook (1978 U.S. Amateur). Bob Papa (anchor) and Wadkins (analyst) will be the lead NBCUniversal broadcast team. Wadkins, the 1977 PGA champion, tied for second in the 1986 U.S. Open and was a member of two USA Walker Cup Teams. Cook has competed in 23 U.S. Opens and 12 U.S. Seniors Opens. Billy Ray Brown, who tied for third in the 1990 U.S. Open at Medinah (Ill.) Country Club, and Jim Gallagher Jr., who played in 10 U.S. Opens, are the other announcers. Papa, who handles Golf Channel's regular PGA Tour Champions coverage, is the longtime voice of the NFL's New York Giants.

Date	Network	Program	Time (Local/CDT)
July 7	Golf Channel	Wednesday at the U.S. Senior Open	10-11:30 a.m.
July 8	Peacock	First Round	11 a.m.-Noon
	Golf Channel	First Round	Noon-2 p.m.
	Golf Channel	First Round	5-7 p.m.
July 9	Peacock	Second Round	11 a.m.-Noon
	Golf Channel	Second Round	Noon-2 p.m.
	Golf Channel	Second Round	5-7 p.m.
July 10	Peacock	Third Round	2-3 p.m.
	Golf Channel	Third Round	3-7 p.m.
July 11	Peacock	Fourth Round	2-3 p.m.
	Golf Channel	Fourth Round	3-7 p.m.

**HISTORY** – This is the 41st U.S. Senior Open Championship. The first U.S. Senior Open, played in 1980, was conducted for golfers 55 and older. The next year, the USGA lowered the minimum age to 50.

Miller Barber captured the first of his three U.S. Senior Open titles in 1982 – he also won in 1984 and 1985. The U.S. Senior Open has five two-time winners: Gary Player (1987, 1988), Jack Nicklaus (1991, 1993), Hale Irwin (1998, 2000), Allen Doyle (2005, 2006) and Kenny Perry (2013, 2017). Doyle became the championship's oldest winner in 2006 at the age of 57 years, 11 months, 14 days.

The youngest champion is Dale Douglass, who won in 1986 at the age of 50 years, 3 months, 24 days.

### WINNERS OF U.S. OPEN & U.S. SENIOR OPEN

Winners, Years of Championships

Billy Casper (1959, 1966 U.S. Open; 1983 U.S. Senior Open)  
 Hale Irwin (1974, 1979, 1990 U.S. Open; 1998, 2000 U.S. Senior Open)  
 Orville Moody (1969 U.S. Open; 1989 U.S. Senior Open)  
 Jack Nicklaus (1962, 1967, 1972, 1980 U.S. Open; 1991, 1993 U.S. Senior Open)  
 Arnold Palmer (1960 U.S. Open; 1981 U.S. Senior Open)  
 Gary Player (1965 U.S. Open; 1987, 1988 U.S. Senior Open)  
 Lee Trevino (1968, 1971 U.S. Open; 1990 U.S. Senior Open)

### **CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY**

The U.S. Senior Open, first contested in 1980, is a relatively new national championship when compared with others conducted by the USGA. Yet the U.S. Senior Open Trophy is actually the oldest among the USGA's championship trophies.

On Sept. 24, 1894, the Tuxedo Club of Tuxedo Park, N.Y., invited three other clubs to compete in the first American interclub tournament. Shinnecock Hills Golf Club, Saint Andrew's Golf Club, and The Country Club of Brookline, Mass., agreed to the challenge. While there is still some dispute as to which team won, the team from The Country Club, consisting of H.C. Leeds, Laurence Curtis, Robert Bacon and W.B. Thomas, returned home with the trophy. The sterling silver, hourglass-shaped cup remained in the club's possession until the mid-1950s, when it was given to the USGA for exhibition.

In June 1980, with the USGA preparing for the first U.S. Senior Open, The Country Club suggested that the trophy be used as the formal award for the championship. The cup was presented "by The Country Club and Golfers of Massachusetts," and formally dedicated as the Francis D. Ouimet Memorial Trophy. Roberto De Vincenzo received it at Winged Foot Golf Club as the inaugural champion. A replica of the trophy, complete with engraving of the 1894 Brookline team, was produced by the USGA in 1997 and awarded to Graham Marsh at Olympia Fields Country Club in Illinois. The original was then given its second and final retirement and is on display at the USGA Golf Museum in Liberty Corner, N.J.

**TWO-TEE START** – A two-tee start was adopted for the 2001 U.S. Senior Open. The USGA had adopted a two-tee start for the U.S. Women's Open in 2000 and used the format for the first time in the U.S. Open in 2002. Play will begin at 7:15 a.m. CDT on Thursday on the first and 10th tees at Omaha Country Club.

**SENIOR OPEN PRIZE MONEY** – Steve Stricker earned \$720,000 from a purse of \$4 million when he captured the 2019 U.S. Senior Open. Kenny Perry received \$500,000 from a purse of \$2.685 million when the championship was played in 2013 at Omaha Country Club. In 1980, Roberto De Vincenzo won the first U.S. Senior Open and earned \$20,000. The purse for 2021 is to be determined.

**SENIOR OPEN BIRTHDAYS** – Five players in the U.S. Senior Open field will be celebrating a birthday around the championship. Scott Verplank, who turns 57 on July 9, date of Round 2, won the 1984 U.S. Amateur and owns five PGA Tour victories. Kevin Sutherland, who celebrated his 57th birthday on July 4, has captured a pair of Charles Schwab Cup Championships (2017, 2020).

### **2021 U.S. Senior Open Competitors**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Age (on birthday)</u>
Bobby Gage	7-3-65	56
Kevin Sutherland	7-4-64	57
Markus Brier	7-5-68	53
Scott Verplank	7-9-64	57
Dicky Pride	7-15-69	52

**OLDEST & YOUNGEST** – Jay Haas is the oldest player in this year's U.S. Senior Open field. Haas, who has played in 15 U.S. Senior Opens and has five top-10 finishes, is 67 years old. Mark Hensby, who was the medalist in the North Riverside, Ill., qualifier, is the youngest, having turned 50 on June 29. Hensby, who tied for third in the 2005 U.S. Open at Pinehurst No. 2, has won on the PGA Tour, PGA European Tour and Nationwide Tour (now Korn Ferry Tour).

**FIELD FOR THE AGES** – Six players in the 2021 U.S. Senior Open field have celebrated their 50th birthday since January. Bobby Cochran, a PGA club professional, turned 50 on Jan. 21. Cochran, who was a first-team All-American at Florida State University, is part of a golf family. His grandfather, Bob, played in 14 U.S. Amateurs and six U.S. Opens and was a member of the 1961 USA Walker Cup Team.

His father, Bill, was the head golf coach at Rhodes College, in Memphis, Tenn., for 19 years and guided the Division III program to six NCAA Championship appearances.

There are 27 players in the field who are 60 or older. Olin Browne (2011), Brad Bryant (2007), Roger Chapman (2012), Fred Funk (2009), Bernhard Langer (2010) and Kenny Perry (2013, '17) are U.S. Senior Open champions.

The average age of the 156-player field is 55.49.

**INTERNATIONAL GROUP** – There are 20 countries represented in the 2021 U.S. Senior Open. The USA has 121 players in the field, while England and Australia each have four.

Countries with players in the field: United States (121), Australia (4), England (4), Argentina (3), Canada (3), South Africa (3), Germany (2), Paraguay (2), Spain (2), Sweden (2), Austria (1), Colombia (1), Fiji (1), France (1), Japan (1), Mexico (1), Northern Ireland (1), Scotland (1), Thailand (1) and Wales (1)

**FIRST TIME IN U.S. SENIOR OPEN** – There are 72 players in the 2021 championship field who are playing in their first U.S. Senior Open. Robert Karlsson, of Sweden, has won 11 PGA European Tour events. The 51-year-old played in eight U.S. Opens and tied for fourth in 2008 at Torrey Pines Golf Course. Rod Pampling, 51, of Australia, has won on four professional tours, including three PGA Tour tournaments. He competed in eight U.S. Opens.

**List of First-Time U.S. Senior Open Competitors (72):** John Aber, Doug Barron, a-John Bearrie, Cameron Beckman, Rich Beem, a-Ricky Bell, Jody Bellflower, Shane Bertsch, Eric Bogar, Markus Brier, a-Buck Brittain, Alex Cejka, a-Dean Channell, a-Doug Clapp, a-Tim Cobb, Bobby Cochran, a-Ken Crawford, a-Sean Crowley, a-Greg Daggett, a-Greg Davies, a-Keith Decker, Ernie Els, a-Sal Felice II, Gene Fieger, a-Drew Forrester, a-Chad Frank, Raymond Franz, Jim Furyk, Judd Gibb, Matt Gogel, Ricardo Gonzalez, Joakim Haeggman, a-Neal Hendee, Mark Hensby, a-Chad Ibbotson, Steve Isley Jr., Thongchai Jaidee, Chris Jorgensen, Robert Karlsson, a-Michael Ketcham, James Kingston, Bradley Klapprott, Kevin Kraft, Lionel Kunka, Michael Laudien, a-Jon Lindstrom, a-Scott Lorenz, a-Brian Lovett, Marcus Meloan, a-William Mitchell, Mauricio Molina, Brent Murray, John Ogden, Jose Maria Olazabal, Rod Pampling, a-Jim Patterson, Dicky Pride, Brett Quigley, David Quinn, Harry Rudolph, Steve Runge, a-Eric Rustand, David Shacklady, a-William Smith, a-Travis Steed, a-Mark Strickland, Craig Van Horn, Eric Veileux, Terry Walsh, Wade Weems, Mike Weir, a-Todd White.

**OMAHA'S JOHNNY GOODMAN** – Johnny Goodman, the last amateur to win the U.S. Open, in 1933, is one of 12 players to win both the U.S. Open and U.S. Amateur. Others to have accomplished this feat are Bob Jones, Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer, Tiger Woods and Bryson DeChambeau. Goodman, who attended South Omaha High School and was a caddie at the Field Club of Omaha growing up, captured his U.S. Amateur title in 1937. Johnny Goodman Golf Course, part of the City of Omaha Parks and Recreation Department, is about 15 miles from Omaha Country Club.

**GOLF ADMINISTRATOR** – Mike Ketcham, 56, of Oro Valley, Ariz., is the University of Arizona's senior associate athletics director with supervision of the basketball and football programs. He advanced to his first U.S. Senior Open in the Santa Fe, N.M., qualifier. Ketcham was the head men's golf coach at the University of Arkansas from 2001-06, and guided the Razorbacks to two NCAA Championships appearances. A native of Ottumwa, Iowa, Ketcham also coached at Oregon State, San Jose State and Scottsdale (Ariz.) Community College. He played on two Arkansas teams that reached the NAAs.

**ROAD TO FIRST SENIOR** – Drew Forrester, 58, of Parkville, Md., is the head boys' golf coach at Calvert Hall College High School. He survived a 3-for-1 playoff by making a birdie on the fourth playoff hole in the Silver Springs, Md., qualifier on June 14. Forrester birdied his final two holes, including hitting a 6-iron to within 6 feet on No. 18, for a 1-under 69 at Argyle Country Club. He then had to wait five hours for the afternoon groups to complete their rounds. Forrester, who accepted his current job in 2010, worked 17 years for a professional soccer organization before transitioning to Baltimore sports talk radio in 2002.

**USGA FIRST** – Judd Gibb, 52, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, will travel three hours southwest from his hometown to play in his first USGA championship. Gibb survived a playoff with Jerry Smith and Tim Herron by converting a tap-in par on the third extra hole in the Prior Lake, Minn., qualifier on May 19. Gibb, who is a five-time Iowa PGA player of the year, is the director of instruction at Lakeside Municipal Golf Course in

Fort Dodge. He played at Iowa State University from 1987-92, and helped the Cyclones advance to two NCAA regionals. Gibb, who was an assistant coach at his alma mater for three years, was inducted into the Iowa Golf Hall of Fame in 2020. Smith and Michael McCoy, both of whom were previously enshrined in the state hall, are also in the 2021 U.S. Senior Open field.

**SERVICE ACE** – Shane Bertsch, 51, of Denver, Colo., was once a top tennis player on the junior level in his home state. He later gave up the sport competitively following a straight-set loss to the future No. 1-ranked player Andre Agassi. Bertsch, who played on the PGA and Nationwide (now Korn Ferry) Tours, earned an exemption into his first U.S. Senior Open by winning the PGA Tour Champions' Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Ridge event in August 2020. He eagled the first extra hole in a four-man playoff with Bernhard Langer, Kenny Perry and Glen Day.

**LOCAL KNOWLEDGE** – Robin Byrd, 60, of Satellite Beach, Fla., was the medalist in the Omaha, Neb., qualifier on June 7. Byrd, who will play in his third U.S. Senior Open, also qualified for the 2013 championship at Omaha Country Club. Byrd shot 69 at Happy Hollow Club to earn his spot in this year's field. He overcame a double bogey on the inward nine with back-to-back birdies on holes 15 and 16. Byrd, who started playing at age 11, has competed on the Nike (now Korn Ferry), Australasian, Asian and PGA European Tours and has won nearly 40 mini-tour events.

**EYE ON THE PRIZE** – Brian Lovett, 51, of St. Louis, Mo., shot 31 on his inward nine in carding a 70 to earn medalist honors in the Fort Wayne, Ind., qualifier on May 20. Lovett, who putts with his right eye closed, made three birdies and an eagle during that stretch, the front nine at Orchard Ridge Country Club, to advance to his first U.S. Senior Open. Lovett, who manages mergers and acquisitions for a holding company, was a wide receiver at Southern Methodist University in 1989-90. His coach was Pro Football Hall of Famer and three-time Super Bowl champion Forrest Gregg.

**HERE'S TO GOOD HEALTH** – Billy Mitchell, 55, of Roswell, Ga., is a performance health coach who has trained PGA Tour players Stewart Cink, Roberto Castro and Casey Wittenberg and LPGA Tour players Mariah Stackhouse and Dori Carter. Mitchell, who has also consulted college and high school teams, was one of five players to advance through the Milton, Ga., qualifier. Mitchell, whose father, Lawson, was a longtime club professional, reached the Round of 16 in the 2019 U.S. Senior Amateur.

**MORE THAN A TEACHER** – Todd White, 53, of Spartanburg, S.C., is a history teacher who also coaches the boys' and girls' golf teams at Spartanburg High School. The Vikings tied for fourth in the Class 5A boys state championship and the girls finished ninth in the state in 2021. White will compete in his first U.S. Senior Open and 30th USGA championship in Omaha. He and Nathan Smith partnered to win the inaugural U.S. Amateur Four-Ball Championship in 2015 at The Olympic Club. White and Smith were members of the victorious 2013 USA Walker Cup Team.

**DON'T JUDGE ME** – George "Buck" Brittain, 54, of Tazewell, Va., is a general district court judge in Virginia's 29th District. He earned his bachelor's degree in computer science from Virginia Tech and a law degree from the University of Richmond prior to serving 18 years as an attorney. Brittain, who competed in the 2012 USGA Men's State Team Championship, was the Virginia State Golf Association Golfer of the Year in 2018 when he qualified for the U.S. Mid-Amateur and reached match play in the VSGA Amateur.

**BLAZING START** – Alex Cejka, 50, of Germany, has won two major championships in his first year on PGA Tour Champions. He defeated Steve Stricker in a playoff to win The Tradition on May 9 and fired a final-round 67 to claim the Senior PGA Championship on May 30. Cejka was born in the Czech Republic but left the country with his parents as a refugee at age 9 before settling in Munich, Germany. Cejka has posted victories on six different tours, including the PGA Tour and PGA European Tour. He played in seven U.S. Opens, with his best finish a tie for eighth in 2010 at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links.

**THREESOME OF CHAMPIONS** – There have been 22 players in the history of the U.S. Open to claim the championship more than once and three who have accomplished the feat are in this year's U.S. Senior Open at Omaha Country Club. Ernie Els won the U.S. Open in 1994 and 1997 and also owns a pair of British Open Championships (2002, 2012). Els has combined to win 47 times on the PGA Tour and PGA European Tour. Lee Janzen captured the U.S. Open title in 1993 and 1998. Retief Goosen was a U.S. Open champion in 2001 and 2004.

**FIRST-TIME FURYK** – Jim Furyk, 51, will compete in his first U.S. Senior Open after the 2020 championship was canceled. Furyk won the 2003 U.S. Open at Olympia Fields (Ill.) Country Club, three strokes ahead of Stephen Leaney. He also was runner-up three times, most recently in 2016 at Oakmont (Pa.) Country Club. Furyk, who won twice on PGA Tour Champions in 2020, has played in 24 U.S. Opens and recorded seven top-5 finishes. He has recorded 17 PGA Tour victories, including a pair of wins in the Canadian Open (2006, 2007).

**THE BEAR** – Eric Veilleux, 53, is the head golf professional at The Bear's Club, in Jupiter, Fla. The course was designed by two-time U.S. Senior Open champion Jack Nicklaus and opened for play in 1999. Veilleux reached his first Senior Open as the first alternate from the Jupiter, Fla., qualifier when exempt player Scott McCarron withdrew. The Bear's Club has hosted U.S. Open final qualifying three times, including this year when medalist Patrick Rodgers was among six players who advanced.

**SPECIAL EXEMPTION** – The USGA awarded a special exemption into the 41st U.S. Senior Open to two-time Masters Tournament champion Jose Maria Olazabal, of Spain. Olazabal, 55, won the Masters in 1994 and 1999 and has recorded six PGA Tour and 23 PGA European Tour victories. He played in 18 U.S. Opens, with his best finishes being ties for eighth in both 1990 and 1991. Olazabal, who will compete in his first U.S. Senior Open, was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2009.

**MAJOR PLAYERS** – Mike Weir, the 2003 Masters Tournament champion, and Rich Beem, the 2002 PGA Championship winner, are among five major champions who are playing in their first U.S. Senior Open. Ernie Els, who captured two U.S. Opens and two British Open Championships, Jose Maria Olazabal, a two-time Masters winner, and Jim Furyk, the 2003 U.S. Open champion, are also in this group. Weir, who competed in 14 U.S. Opens, won the Masters in a playoff with Len Mattiace. Beem, who played in seven U.S. Opens, held off a hard-charging Tiger Woods to win the PGA at Hazeltine National by one stroke.

**LIFE'S CIRCLE** – Harry Rudolph III, 51, of La Jolla, Calif., competed at a high level in his youth, became a professional, left the game for nearly a decade, returned later as a reinstated amateur and is now a pro again. In 1987, Rudolph knocked heads on the junior circuit with six-time major champion Phil Mickelson and advanced far into match play in both the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Junior Amateur. He went on to earn All-America honors at the University of Arizona, where he teamed with Jim Furyk and others to win the 1992 NCAA Championship. His fortunes never blossomed as a professional and he put the clubs away in 1999. His father, Harry Jr., a former batboy for the Brooklyn Dodgers, opened Harry's Coffee Shop, 6 miles from Torrey Pines Golf Course, the site of this year's U.S. Open, in the mold of the great New York diners. Harry III, along with his siblings, spent most of his time operating the San Diego establishment. He eventually returned to the game and reached match play in the 2010 U.S. Amateur. He will now play in his first U.S. Senior Open after qualifying at San Diego Country Club on June 14.

**LATE TO THE FIELD** – Mauricio Molina and Ted Tryba, a pair of 54-year-old professionals, were added to the 2021 U.S. Senior Open field during the week prior to the championship. Molina, of Argentina, has played in five senior professional majors but this is his first U.S. Senior Open. Molina, who was a caddie prior to 1985, owns two Canadian Tour wins. Tryba, of Orlando, Fla., is playing in his second U.S. Senior Open. A three-time All-American at Ohio State University, Tryba won twice on the PGA Tour and competed in five U.S. Opens. He is also an instructor at his own golf academy.

**STAR-SPANGLED WINNER** – Cameron Beckman, 51, of San Antonio, Texas, earned an exemption into the U.S. Senior Open field with his one-stroke victory over Ernie Els in the PGA Tour Champions Dick's Sporting Goods Open on July 4. Beckman, who is playing in his first Senior Open, was a three-time winner on the PGA Tour, including the 2008 Frys.com Open and 2010 Mayakoba Golf Classic. A native of Minneapolis, Minn., Beckman has played in two U.S. Opens (2000, 2009) and was the 1991 NAIA champion at Texas Lutheran University.

**ON TOUR** – Nine players have won multiple events during the combined 2020-21 PGA Tour Champions season. Kevin Sutherland, who has competed in six U.S. Senior Opens and has three top-10 finishes, won the Charles Schwab Cup Championship in a nine-hole playoff with Paul Broadhurst last November. He added the Colougard Classic title in February.

Multiple PGA Tour Champions Winners in 2020-21:

2, **Alex Cejka** (21 Regions Tradition, 21 Senior PGA Championship)  
2, **Darren Clarke** (20 TimberTech Championship, 21 Mitsubishi Electric Classic at Hualalai)  
2, **Ernie Els** (20 Hoag Classic, 20 SAS Championship)  
2, **Jim Furyk** (20 The Ally Challenge, 20 PURE Insurance Championship)  
2, **Miguel Angel Jimenez** (20 Mitsubishi Electric Classic at Hualalai, 20 Sanford Invitational)  
2, **Jerry Kelly** (20 Senior Players Championship, 21 American Family Insurance Championship)  
2, Phil Mickelson (20 Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National, 20 Dominion Energy Charity Classic)  
2, Steve Stricker (21 Chubb Classic, 21 Senior Players Championship)  
2, **Kevin Sutherland** (20 Charles Schwab Cup Championship, 21 Cologuard Championship)

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**IN MEMORIAM** – Doug Sanders, who was the runner-up to Gary Player in the 1987 U.S. Senior Open at Brooklawn Country Club, in Fairfield, Conn., died at age 86 on April 12, 2020. Sanders, who won 20 PGA Tour events, tied for second in the 1961 U.S. Open and finished second in three of the four professional major championships during his career. Since the 2019 championship, eight other players who competed in several U.S. Senior Opens have died, including Jimmy Powell, who played in nine Senior Opens and tied for ninth in 1989. Other players who passed away, with their number of U.S. Senior Open starts are: Rocky Thompson (13), DeWitt Weaver (10), Lonnie Nielsen (8), Mike Joyce (7), Bill Johnston (6), Al Mengert (5) and Bob Betley (4).

**TICKETS AVAILABLE** – Tickets for the 2021 U.S. Senior Open Championship are available for purchase at [ussenioropen.com](https://ussenioropen.com). Championship round individual gallery tickets are \$50 (Thursday-Sunday), while practice round tickets are \$25 (Monday-Wednesday).

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