

2023 Principal Charity Classic



First-Round Notes

Friday, June 2, 2023

Wakonda Club | Des Moines, Iowa

12th of 28 PGA TOUR Champions events in the 2023 Season

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- **Course Setup:** Par 72 / 6,749 yards
- **Round 1 Scoring Average:** 70.462
- **Weather:** Partly cloudy with highs in the mid-80s and winds SE at 6-12 mph
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	Player	To Par	Scores
1	Steve Stricker	-8	33-31 – 64
T2	Rod Pampling	-6	33-33 – 66
T2	Jerry Kelly	-6	32-34 – 66
T2	Stephen Ames	-6	33-33 – 66
T5	Five players tied	-5	

Things to Know

- Seeking his third consecutive win on PGA TOUR Champions, Charles Schwab Cup leader **Steve Stricker** opened with bogey-free 64 to take a two-stroke lead over a trio of players, including the last two winners of the Principal Charity Classic.
- **Weather Delay:** Play was suspended for one hour and 34 minutes from 2:41 p.m. (CT) to 4:15 p.m. (CT) due to lightning.

Steve Stricker, 33-31 – 64 (-8)

- Recorded his 50th consecutive round of par or better on PGA TOUR Champions, extending his all-time record, which dates back to last season
 - Has shot par or better in all 30 rounds in 2023
- This is his lowest first-round score on PGA TOUR Champions since the 2021 Kaulig Companies Championship, when he opened with 63
- This is his ninth time leading/co-leading after the first round on PGA TOUR Champions
 - Is 4-for-8 converting those into victories
- Looks to achieve the 10th time a player has won three consecutive starts on PGA TOUR Champions, and would be the first player to accomplish the feat on two separate occasions
 - Previous instance of Stricker winning three starts in a row: 2022 Sanford International, 2022 Constellation FURYK & FRIENDS, 2023 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai
- The Charles Schwab Cup leader seeks his fourth win of the season (10th start)
 - His three wins are currently the most of any player in 2023
- The 56-year-old seeks his 15th win on PGA TOUR Champions (57th start)
 - Would move him into 17th on the PGA TOUR Champions all-time wins list
- Making his second start at the Principal Charity Classic, he finished T8 in 2022

Other Notes

- Defending champion **Jerry Kelly** opened with bogey-free 66 and sits T2.
 - The 56-year-old seeks his 12th win on PGA TOUR Champions (138th start).
- 2021 champion and Charles Schwab No. 4 **Stephen Ames** shot 6-under 66 and sits T2.

- The 59-year-old seeks his third win of the season (10th start), which would tie Steve Stricker for the most victories among all players in 2023.
- **Rod Pampling** (T2) matched his low round of the season with 6-under 66.
 - The 53-year-old seeks his second win on PGA TOUR Champions (73rd start).
- Charles Schwab No. 5 **Miguel Angel Jimenez** is T5 at 5-under, along with **Tim Herron**, **Mark Hensby**, **Steve Flesch** and World Golf Hall of Fame member **Vijay Singh**.
- Seeking his record-setting 46th win on PGA TOUR Champions, **Bernhard Langer** is T10 after opening with 4-under 68.