



## 39th U.S. SENIOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

### The Broadmoor (East Course)

### MEDIA NOTES

Saturday, June 30

#### Third-Round Notes

Jerry Kelly holds the 54-hole lead for the first time at the U.S. Senior Open and has been at the top of the leaderboard after each round. Kelly shot a 1-over-par 71 on Saturday with three birdies, two bogeys and one double bogey. He is attempting to become the second start-to-finish winner (no ties), joining Colorado native Dale Douglass (1986). Simon Hobday (1994) and Olin Browne (2011) were both start-to-finish winners, including ties.

David Toms was the lone player in the field to put together a bogey-free round on Saturday. Toms, playing in his first U.S. Senior Open, carded four birdies (holes 1, 2, 5, 13) for a 4-under 66. He was one of three players to record the low round of the day, along with Bernhard Langer and Brandt Jobe. Langer won the 2010 U.S. Senior Open and Jobe finished third in the 2017 U.S. Senior Open.

Both Kelly and Toms are looking to become the first player to win the U.S. Senior Open in their second attempt since Jeff Maggert in 2015 at Del Paso Country Club, in Sacramento, Calif.

Kirk Triplett, the 2017 U.S. Senior Open runner-up, sits in a tie for third following the third round at 2-under 208. Triplett carded a 2-under 68, his 11th round in the 60s in seven U.S. Senior Open appearances. He has finished in the top-10 in three previous Senior Opens.

Tim Petrovic tied with Triplett for third following 54 holes, despite taking the lead at 5-under par with a birdie at the par-4 14th. He bogeyed three of the last four holes to record a 1-over 71. He would be the second sectional qualifier to win the U.S. Senior Open (Don Pooley, 2002) and the eighth player to win in his first U.S. Senior Open. The last player to win in the Senior Open on his first attempt was Roger Chapman in 2012.

Brandt Jobe likes U.S. Senior Open Saturdays. Jobe, who is playing in his third Senior Open, equaled the day's low round with a 4-under 66. In 2017, he tied the lowest round in U.S. Senior Open history when he shot an 8-under 62 in the third round at Salem Country Club, in Peabody, Mass. Following 54 holes, Jobe is in a tie for fifth with Paul Goydos and Miguel Angel Jimenez, the runner-up in the 2016 U.S. Senior Open at Scioto Country Club in Columbus, Ohio. Goydos' best finish also came in 2016 when he tied for sixth.

Jobe has ties to the state of Colorado. He won the Colorado State Amateur in 1985 at Singletree Country Club and three Colorado Golf Association Match-Play Championships (1984, 1985, 1988). Jobe, who attended Kent Denver High School, won two of his match-play title at The Broadmoor (South Course).



On Saturday, there were 12 sub-par rounds, including a 1 under 69 by two-time U.S. Open champion Lee Janzen (1993, 1998). In the 2008 U.S. Senior Open at the Broadmoor, 13 players recorded under-par scores in the third round, including 64s by Scott Simpson and Jeff Klein.

Jay Haas, 64, is enjoying success once again in a U.S. Senior Open at The Broadmoor. Haas, who carded a 2-over 72 in the third round, is tied for 11th after 54 holes. In 2008, he tied for ninth at the Broadmoor with a 72-hole score of 283 (3-over par).

Past champions Colin Montgomerie (2014) and Bernhard Langer (2010) advanced on the leaderboard during moving day. Montgomerie's 3-under 67 moved him into a tie for 11th. Langer climbed into a tie for 17th with a 4-under 66.

Jeff Wilson, 55, of Fairfield, Calif., is attempting to become the second player to finish as the low amateur in both the U.S. Open and the U.S. Senior Open. Wilson, who is currently tied for 34th at 7-over 217 for the championship, was the low amateur in the 2000 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach (Calif.) Golf Links. Marvin (Vinny) Giles III is the lone player to have accomplished the feat. He was the low amateur in the 1973 U.S. Open when he tied 17th. He has been the low amateur in three U.S. Senior Opens (1993, 1996, 1997).

The Broadmoor (East Course) played as the 10th longest course in U.S. Senior Open history during the third round at 7,156 yards. Saturday's scoring average was 71.68, as compared to Thursday's 75.78 average and Friday's 75.28.

Billy Mayfair, the 1987 U.S. Amateur and 1986 U.S. Amateur Public Links champion, and Rocco Mediate, the 2008 U.S. Open runner-up to Tiger Woods in a memorable playoff, will be paired together for Sunday's fourth round. They start from the first tee at 12:50 p.m. MDT.

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