

U.S. Senior Amateur

Saturday, Aug. 26, 2023
Martis Camp Club
Truckee, Calif.

Brad Wayment, Gilbert, Ariz.

1-under 71 (first round, stroke play)



Q. It looked like you finished strong with three birdies over your last four holes?

Wayment: "I finally got the putter going. I missed a lot of putts early in the round, but in the latter part, I was able to get some of them to go in. So it felt good."

Q. How long were your putts on those last holes coming in?

Wayment: "One was about 8 [feet], another was about 12 [feet] and another was about 14 [feet]."

Q. Hole 9 is no pushover and you managed a closing 3 there?

Wayment: "I was lucky to hit a really good ball off the tee and I only had about 126 [yards] in. I was able to hit a good shot that stayed below the hole. I just hit a gap wedge."

Q. How good was a 71 on this golf course today?

Wayment: "I'm thrilled to have that kind of a round. It's not an easy course. A lot of tough holes. And you've got to keep it in the fairway. I had some shots in the rough and holy cow, you're just trying to move it forward as far as you can and hope for the best."

Q. You played under tough conditions this year at the U.S. Senior Open at SentryWorld. How did that get you prepared for this week?

Wayment: "There is nothing like the rough at SentryWorld. That was off the charts. [That experience] helped a lot. To be in that environment. You're always going to feel the pressure, you always going to feel those nerves, but certainly that was a growing experience for me."

Second U.S. Senior Amateur (made match play in 2021 at C.C. of Detroit)

Fifth USGA championship. Played in two U.S. Senior Opens and one U.S. Amateur Four-Ball (2022) with his now 25-year-old son Cooper, who is his caddie this week. Cooper played at Utah State. Graduated and now working.

Q. When was your first USGA championship?

Wayment: "Qualified for my first when I was 53, the U.S. Senior Open. A friend told me that you should try to qualify for the U.S. Senior Open because you're old enough, and I got in."

Q. Did you play college golf?

Wayment: "I didn't start playing any tournament golf until my mid-40s."