

# U.S. Adaptive Open

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Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina, USA

Pinehurst Resort & C.C. (Course No. 6)

## Mario Dino

### Quick Quotes



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**Q. Mario, good playing out there today. Can you talk us through your round a little bit.**

MARIO DINO: Yeah, it was a rough start. I think I was 3-over through 14. The putts weren't falling, and I was kind of -- I was nervous. I do have to admit that. Then I birdied 18, which was good, and then I birdied a few holes on the front.

Had a rough ending; I doubled 17, which is the eighth hole on the course. But all in all, it was a good first round, good way to start.

**Q. You're definitely still in the hunt, but bigger picture, how does it feel to be a part of the first ever playing of this championship?**

MARIO DINO: I mean, this is amazing. The USGA has done really a great job with this championship, and it's so cool to see like everyone and the guy -- the guy I played with today, he had one arm and he hit the ball like 260. It was insane. He was a fantastic golfer, and everyone here, such great people, and it's fantastic.

**Q. You touched on it there, but how rewarding is it to share the course with so many other inspiring athletes?**

MARIO DINO: I mean, it's really cool. You look at there's like an 80 year old in the tournament and there's a guy who plays with his dog. It's really cool. Everyone out here, as the USGA says, has got a story, and it's pretty amazing.

**Q. How do you think this championship will help amplify the adaptive community and stories like yours?**

MARIO DINO: I really think one of the guys in the dinner last night touched on it. It just shows it's on a national level now. This is my first adaptive tournament, and it really -- I didn't know much about it and the aptitude it was before this, and now I see that it's kind of all around the country, and it's amazing.

