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2009 Buick Invitational **Facts**

Schedule of Events

Monday, February 2 (Admission is free)

- Practice rounds for PGA TOUR Players
- Sycuan Resort Pro-Am, South Course, starting at 10:30 a.m.
- Parking is free at the Glider Port Parking area on Monday only

Tuesday, February 3

- Practice rounds for PGA TOUR players
- 12:00 p.m. Military Appreciation Luncheon
- 3:30 p.m. Buick Family Days Clinic, #4 North Course

Wednesday, February 4

- Allianz Global Investors Wednesday Pro-Am, North and South Courses, starting at 6:42 a.m.

Thursday, February 5

- Opening Round of 2009 Buick Invitational, North and South Courses, starting at 8:30 a.m.
- The Golf Ball, Stingaree, 7:00 p.m.-Midnight

Friday, February 6

- Second round of the Tournament, North and South Courses, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 7

- Third round of the Tournament, South Course, starting at 8:30 a.m.
- San Diego Hospitality Industry Pro-Am, North Course, starting at 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 8

- Final Round of the Tournament, South Course, starting at 8:30 a.m.
- Awards Ceremony on 18th Green
- Boys & Girls Clubs of San Dieguito Golf Tournament, North Course, at 7:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

2009 marks the 18th year of the Buick Invitational, with the Buick Motor Division assuming sponsorship of this annual PGA TOUR stop in 1992. This is also the 57th year a PGA TOUR event has been held in San Diego, beginning with the San Diego Open in 1952. For 47 straight years, the Century Club of San Diego has been the local non-profit organizing body for the tournament. 2009 also marks the 42nd time the event is being held at Torrey Pines Golf Course.

Defending Champion

Tiger Woods captured his fourth straight Buick Invitational victory and his sixth overall in San Diego. Woods earned \$936,000 for first prize and increased his tournament earnings total to \$5,729,000 in 11 starts at Torrey Pines and over the \$77 million career mark. In his 11 appearances, he has posted 11 top-10s, including 10 top-fives and 8 top-threes. This is the sixth time he won his first start of his 12 year career. "This course has been really good to me, all the way back to junior golf. Even after the redesign I still get the lines throughout the course."

When asked about his 62nd win tying Arnold Palmer for fourth all-time he remarked: "I'm sure he'll give me grief, just like he always does. I'll do the same, and it will be more fun when I can needle him if I can get ahead of him. My career is not done yet. Hopefully, my good years are still ahead of me."

Tiger is now a career 42-3 (12 consecutive) when holding a share of the 54-hole lead. "I took a peek at the leader board once in a while," said runner-up Ryuji Imada. "Tiger was out of my reach. It didn't matter what he did today, he was going to win. You know a 67 was the most I could get out of it today."



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FINAL ROUND LEADERBOARD

Tiger Woods	67	65	66	71	269
Ryuji Imada	69	72	69	67	277
Rory Sabbatini	67	75	70	67	279
Stewart Cink	68	69	69	73	279
Justin Leonard	76	68	65	72	281
Phil Mickelson	70	73	68	71	282
Joe Durant	70	70	67	75	282

Field

The 2009 Buick Invitational will feature a field of 156 players. Each player will be playing one round on the South and North Courses on Thursday and Friday. After Friday's round, the field will be cut to the lowest 70 scores and ties. The final two rounds will be played on the South Course on Saturday and Sunday. The tournament has attracted many of golf's greatest champions over the years, including Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els, Vijay Singh, Jose Maria Olazabal, John Daly and Tiger Woods, to name a few.

Tournament Purse Is A Record \$5.3 Million

The 2009 Buick Invitational will feature a purse of \$5.3 million in prize money. First place money will be \$954,000. In comparison, when Buick began their sponsorship in 1992, the purse was \$1,000,000 and Steve Pate took home the winner's check of \$180,000.

Tournament Media Room

To access information about the Buick Invitational, please visit the event website at www.buickinvitational.com. The press room will be located at the Torrey Pines Hilton Hotel. The main press room number is 858-535-4513. The press room will be in operation on Monday, February 2 at 8:00 a.m. To apply for credentials, please email Rick Schloss at rickschlosspr@aol.com or call 619-308-4387.

Television

Thursday, February 5
The Golf Channel · 1:00-3:00 p.m. PST
Friday, February 6
The Golf Channel · 1:00-3:00 p.m. PST
Saturday, February 7
CBS · 12:00-3:00 p.m. PST
Sunday, February 8
CBS · 12:00-3:00 p.m. PST

Admission Prices

Advance tickets for the 2009 Buick Invitational are available at select San Diego County Golf Mart stores and the Golf Shop at Torrey Pines. Tickets can be charged over the phone by calling the Tournament Box Office at (619) 281-4653 or by accessing the tournament website at www.buickinvitational.com. Advance ticket prices are \$16 for Tuesday and \$26 Wednesday through Sunday. A season badge can also be purchased for \$105. The season badge includes admission to the Tuesday Practice Rounds, Allianz Global Investors Wednesday Pro-Am and all four days of the tournament. Advance Senior citizen tickets (60 and older) are \$16 any day of tournament week. All juniors (12 years old and under) are admitted free when accompanied by an adult. In addition, all active duty military and their immediate family are free with the proper military identification.

Tournament Websites

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Buick Embodies Golf To A Tee



The 2009 Buick Enclave delivers room for as many as eight, plenty of space for cargo, and better fuel economy than competitors' eight-passenger SUVs.

When describing a great golfer, many qualities come to mind. For some it is the focus and sound fundamentals one exhibits in every swing, every putt, and every movement. Others respect the power and precision of the sport. While some simply relate to the passion that wraps up the golfer and draws awe from those witnessing every graceful moment.

Now imagine getting behind the wheel of a machine that blends style and grace with elegance, power and precision. If the qualities of exceptional golfers were ever evident in a vehicle, Buick would embody it to a tee.

So it comes as no surprise that Buick has been the official car of the PGA TOUR since 1984, and is currently the title-sponsor of two major PGA TOUR events. In addition to the Buick Invitational, Buick sponsors the Buick Open at the historic Warwick Hills Golf and Country Club in Grand Blanc, Michigan.

Buick was actually the foundation on which General Motors was built. From its first four-cylinder Model D to the industry's first concept car and other automotive "firsts," the Buick brand and its products have stood for quality and reliability as well as comfort and style, garnering a loyal following of enthusiasts wherever

Buick vehicles are sold.

That legacy looks to continue with a freshened 2009 Buick line-up featuring products that are graceful, elegant and modern on the outside; luxurious and finely crafted on the inside. The Enclave luxury crossover SUV and the Lucerne and LaCrosse sedans embody the spirit of Buick and deliver what consumers have come to expect for 100 years and counting.

But what you think you know about Buick is about to change. The legacy continues, but in an entirely new package as Buick enters a transformation. It started with the reveal of a stunning new crossover



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last year – the Buick Enclave, a luxury crossover SUV that met with resounding applause. Now, the Buick Transformation continues with the new 2010 Buick LaCrosse, a beautifully sculpted, responsive, luxury sedan that rivals the world's finest.

The 2010 Buick LaCrosse will be elegantly displayed at the Buick Invitational for fans to experience firsthand. As you explore its innovation and design, it will become clear that Buick is indeed changing. In fact, LaCrosse turns any question about Buick into a powerful statement.

Yes, Buick has had work done as witnessed from the graceful lines formed by the wraparound headlamps, to the flow of the curvaceous body lines, and into the seamless merging of the tail-lamps. Performance and convenience are two qualities that were key in developing the LaCrosse as well.

The vehicle is designed to anticipate and cater to driver and passenger needs as evidenced in the real-time adaptive suspension available on the CXS model that adjusts within milliseconds to changes in the road terrain and one's personal driving style. It automatically enhances handling to provide a confident, enjoyable ride.

The inside of the LaCrosse is designed with Buick's QuietTuning technology that reduces, blocks and absorbs noise like one would expect from a modern luxury sedan. A laminated windshield, triple door seals and minute body panel tolerances also help keep the outside noise out.

Heated and ventilated leather-appointed front seats, as well as integrated dual rear seatback DVD screens, rearview camera and Ultrasonic Rear Parking Assist are also available. The interior appointments

are nicely wrapped in dark poplar wood appliques, chrome and French-seam stitching. And since research has shown that cool blue light calms and nurtures the soul, that's what is found illuminating the LaCrosse cabin.

Anti-lock brakes, traction control and StabiliTrak – a stability control system – all help provide enhanced control on a wide variety of road conditions. The intelligent all-wheel-drive system available on the LaCrosse CXL model helps optimize traction by distributing power to the wheels with the most grip.

And the available xenon high-intensity articulating headlamps actually turn as you turn for better visibility. Available Side Blind Zone Alert uses radar to warn the driver when another vehicle is in the outside mirror blind spot. Available Head-Up Display allows one to see instrumentation without taking eyes off of the road.

The new Buick LaCrosse is a celebration of automotive excellence.

"This is truly an exciting time for Buick. Enclave has been a resounding success, and is proof of how our current and future products will continue to hold firmly to Buick's values of refined performance, elegant styling and premium luxury at affordable prices," said Susan E. Docherty, North America Vice President, Buick-Pontiac-GMC Channel. "Buick is for customers who want to reward their success with a comfortable, beautifully crafted luxury experience."

The 2009 Buick Enclave delivers room for as many as eight, plenty of space for cargo, and better fuel economy than competitors' eight-passenger SUVs. Enclave also offers a starting price that makes its luxury competitors take notice, along with a host of standard equipment and the industry's best warranty coverage. Simply put, Enclave perfectly integrates Buick's new global design direction with the brand's long-standing reputation for quality and craftsmanship.

For 2009, Buick Enclave – available in CX and CXL models, and in front-wheel-drive or all-wheel-drive configurations – delivers more performance from a new, standard 3.6L V-6 direct-injection VVT engine. This more powerful, more sophisticated, fuel-efficient engine delivers an SAE-certified 288 horsepower and approximately 270 lb.-ft. of torque.*

The 3.6L V-6 direct injection VVT engine is mated to the Hydra-Matic 6T75 electronically controlled six-speed automatic transmission. It features clutch-to-clutch shift operation, allowing for reduced complexity and compact packaging. The 6T75 also offers automatic grade braking, shift stabilization and precise shift control. In addition, it can provide up to 7-percent improved performance and up to 4-percent improved fuel economy when compared to current front-wheel-drive four-speed automatics.

For Enclaves not equipped with the available navigation system, the Driver Confidence Package is enhanced for 2009 with the addition of the rear backup camera display integrated into the inside rearview mirror. A feature offered by few in the industry, it provides an increased level of safety at a more affordable price. New for 2009 across all models is Bluetooth for phone available with OnStar.

and efficient 3.9L V-6 engine in CX and CXL models that is FlexFuel capable. Engineered to operate on gasoline, E85 ethanol or a combination of both, this new 3.9L V-6 delivers 227 horsepower and 237 lb.-ft. of torque.

Buick Lucerne delivers an expanded list of standard equipment for 2009. Lucerne CX models now include cornering lamps; six-way power



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Lucerne, Buick's most premium sedan, has consistently delivered more of what customers demand from such a vehicle: more technology as well as more comfort, convenience, and safety and security features. Buick has also increased its Lucerne lineup to include the Lucerne Super and Lucerne CXL Special Edition offering a greater variety of premium products in its portfolio.

Enhancements for 2009 include more standard content and a more powerful

passenger seat; heated power outside rearview mirrors; an extended-range key fob and 17-inch premium chrome plate aluminum wheels.

More standard luxury features are also found on the 2009 CXL model: eight-way heated driver and front-passenger seats; power lumbar adjustments; memory settings; heated leather steering wheel; outside rearview mirrors with integrated turn signal indicator and 17-inch premium painted wheels.

Only two option packages are available on 2009 Lucerne models: the Comfort & Convenience package and the Driver Confidence Package. The Comfort & Convenience package adds dual-zone, automatic climate control, universal home remote and a cargo net. This package is standard on Lucerne CXL and is available on Lucerne CX.

The Driver Confidence package adds StabiliTrak, ultrasonic rear parking assist, remote start, theft-deterrent system and RainSense wipers. It's available on CX and CXL models.

All Buick vehicles deliver a library-quiet ride, thanks to QuietTuning, an all-encompassing engineering

approach aimed at reducing, blocking and absorbing unwanted noise from entering the vehicle's cabin. Specific QuietTuning examples include acoustical laminate on the windshield and front door glass; steel laminate on the front-of-dash body area; expanded baffles in the roof pillars; extensive use of melt-on sound deadeners throughout the entire lower body structure; and sound-absorbing material throughout the engine, passenger and cargo compartments.

Quality continues to be a longstanding hallmark of Buick. All models are covered by a four-year/50,000-mile bumper-to-bumper new vehicle limited warranty. In addition, every Buick is also covered by five-year/100,000-mile

powertrain warranty, which includes roadside assistance and courtesy transportation.

Buick's products consistently rank among the leaders in several recent J.D. Power and Associates metrics. Buick's manufacturing facilities have also received accolades befitting a premium brand, including a bronze award for the Detroit-Hamtramck Assembly Center, where Lucerne is built, and a top ranking of GM's Oshawa, Ontario, facility, where LaCrosse is produced.

Whether you desire a luxurious sedan or SUV, Buick is driven to bringing premium products to golf enthusiasts and beyond.



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How to Play the North Course

Hole 1 Aim your tee shot center cut of the fairway. Longer hitter will have an opportunity to reach this par 5 in two shots, but only if in the fairway. Keep your second shot left center of the fairway for the best approach to the green. In order to stay below the hole for a good putt at the birdie, keep the ball to the right of the hole location on your third shot to the green, as the green slopes left to right.

Hole 2 Try to put your tee shot in the left center of the fairway to avoid the bunkers and have the best angle at the green for your second shot. Big hitter may want to use a fairway wood off the tee due to how short the hole plays. You should attempt to leave your second shot short of the hole to leave an uphill putt. Most of the green is level, with the exception of the front left which has a severe slope.

Hole 3 In selecting your club take one less than the yardage due to the elevation drop and prevailing wind behind your back. Try to leave the ball short of the hole on your tee shot, as the green slopes substantially from back to front. Hitting long, or into the bunker behind the green, will give you automatic bogey.

Hole 4 Take aim at the left center of the fairway off the tee to have an open shot to the green on your second shot. Try to hit the middle of the green on your second shot. It will also normally play one club longer than the yardage due to being slightly uphill. Hitting your second shot long leaves a difficult chip or putt due to a steep slope from back to front on the green.

Hole 5 Hit your drive down the center and let the slope move it slightly left. This will be the best position to hit your second shot from. Although your second shot is down hill, it is against the prevailing wind and will play longer than the yardage, so take an extra club. The green breaks to the ocean, so line your putt up carefully.

Hole 6 The view from this tee is the most spectacular on the course. Aim your tee shot to the front center of the green, taking care to stay clear of the bunkers on the right and the canyon on the left. A missed shot left or right will cause for a bogey, or more. Also, try to keep the ball below the hole off the tee, as this green has the most severe slope on the course, going from the upper right portion to the lower left portion.

Hole 7 Try to hit the left center of the fairway off the tee, staying clear of the trees on the right. Your second shot will play one or two clubs longer than the yardage due to the elevation change being extremely uphill. Aim to the middle of the green on your second shot and try to keep it short the hole location, as the green slopes steeply from back to front.

Hole 8 Aim to the right center of the fairway to have the best position to attack the hole on your second shot. Your second shot is downhill and downwind, so take one less club than what the yardage dictates. Stay away from the bunkers on the right. The green has little slope, so your putt will go where you aim it.

Hole 9 Hit your drive down the left center of the fairway, as the slope will move it to the right. For the longer hitters, this hole is reachable in two shots. Average hitters should position their second shot to the right center of the fairway to have the best angle at the green for their third shot. Although the third shot can be a simple chip, try to keep the ball below the hole for your putt, as the green slopes from the upper left portion to the lower right.

Hole 10 Your tee shot on this hole should be long and to the left center of the fairway, avoiding the bunker on the right side. Your second shot will play one or two clubs longer than the yardage due to being slightly uphill. There is no real mystery to the green, what you see is what you get.

Hole 11 This is the most challenging hole on the North Course. You have to place your tee shot on the right center of the fairway, and long, in order to have the opportunity to hit a long iron shot into the green. Play your second shot to the middle of the green. If you can't reach the green in two, lay up to the front left of the green for the easiest chip shot. This is also the smallest green on the course, so you'll have a decent putt at a birdie, or to save par.

Hole 12 Due to playing into the prevailing wind, take one more club than what the yardage dictates off the tee. Aim to the middle and center of the green, avoiding going long. The green has a slight slope from back to front, so keep that in mind when lining up your putt.

Hole 13 Long hitters can clear the bunker on the left and cut the corner to shorten the hole substantially. Long hitters will also hit it through the fairway if they hit it straight. Average tee shots should be aimed to the left center of the fairway, cutting down as much distance as possible for the second shot. The second shot plays longer than the yardage, so take one more club and avoid the bunker on the left of the green. When the hole location is left front, it would be advisable to hit just short of the green and chip up to save par, as the slope in the left front of the green is severe.

Hole 14 The best position off the tee is left center of the fairway, to the right of the tree in the middle of the fairway. Big hitters may have a chance to reach this par 5 in two shots if they stay to the left center of the fairway. If you can't reach the green in two, then lay up to the right side of the fairway for the best approach to the green. The third shot plays about one-half a club longer. You should also try to place your third shot to the right of the hole location, as the green slope left to right. Your putts will break toward the ocean.

Hole 15 Aim your tee shot to the right center of the fairway, as the slope will move it slightly left. Your second shot plays longer than it looks, so trust the yardage and hit the club dictated by the yardage. The green slopes from left to right, given you very subtle breaks, contrary to the putts breaking toward the ocean.

Hole 16 You must hit your tee shot down the left side of the fairway, as the slope will move the ball to the right due to steep slope. Longer hitters will want to use a fairway wood, or long iron to put the ball in play in the fairway. The second shot plays longer than the yardage due to being sharply uphill. It is also a deep green, so take an extra club. The green slope substantially from back to front, so downhill putts are very fast.

Hole 17 Try to place your tee shot to the right center of the green to avoid the ponds. Although there is an elevation drop to the green, the prevailing wind into you will dictate hitting the club suited to the yardage. Trust the yardage. Hitting the ball long is better than leaving it short. The green is fairly simple with no surprises with your putts.

Hole 18 You should hit your tee shot to the left center of the fairway. Longer hitters can reach this green in two easily. On your second shot, average hitters who cannot reach the green in two shots, should lay up to the left of the green for the easiest chip shot. Your third shot needs to be as close to the hole location as possible, leaving an uphill putt. The green slopes severely from left to right, so keep your chip shot to the right of the hole.



How to Play the South Course

The following is a suggested way to play each hole on the South Course at Torrey Pines from a PGA professional's perspective.

Hole 1 You should try to favor the left side of the fairway on your tee shot, which will give you the best angle of approach to the green. Into the prevailing wind you also need to hit a big drive just to have a long iron into the green. Play your second shot to the middle back of the green for the most generous landing area. If you can't reach the green in two, then play up short to avoid the front bunkers, as they are very difficult to get it up and down from to save par.

Hole 2 Off the tee you should aim toward the left side, as the fairway slopes from left to right. A good tee shot will leave you a shorter iron to the green. You should try to hit your second shot on the same level as the hole. Avoid the right bunker and hitting it long, as either will make it almost impossible to make a par. Hit your putt extra hard if going uphill, and tap it ever so gently going downhill.

Hole 3 Favor the center to the right of the green with your tee shot. Hitting it long, or left, is an automatic penalty. The prevailing wind usually offsets the elevation drop; so go with the yardage in club selection. If no wind, then take one less club. The green slopes left to right, so adjust your putting stroke accordingly.

Hole 4 You'll want to favor the right side of the fairway off the tee for the best angle to the green for your second shot. You need to hit it long off the tee just to have a chance to reach the green in two. You should aim your second shot just right of the bunkers in front of the green. If you don't reach in two, this leaves you with a fairly easy chip shot to try to recover par. Like #3, hitting your second shot long, or left, is an automatic penalty. The putts will break toward the ocean on this green.

Hole 5 Your tee shot should favor the left side due to the fairway sloping left to right. On your second shot, you should avoid the right bunker and being long. The second shot always seems to play longer than it looks, so take a half of club, or a full club extra. Try to keep your second shot below the hole to avoid a severe slope in the front part of the green. Any putt above the hole will most likely run way past even with the slightest tap.

Hole 6 Long hitters can cut the corner and make the par 5 easily reachable in two shots. Big hitters must also aim right of the bunkers on the left side of the fairway, as they are reachable. Average hitters can aim at the bunkers at the end of the fairway without getting to them. Hit away on the second shot, as this green has one of the most generous approaches on the course. Average hitter may want to lay up 80-100 short for a full wedge shot. You should try to put your third shot on the same level as the hole, and avoid going long. There are lots of subtle breaks on this green, so pay close attention when lining up your putt.

Hole 7 You need a long drive on this hole, favoring the left side to have the best approach to the green. A tee shot to the right will result in the loss of at least one stroke to par because of the trees and lateral hazard. Play your second shot to the left side of the green avoiding the very deep bunker on the right. The slope of the green is deceiving, as there is more slope from the back to the front than it appears. Adjust your putting speed accordingly.

Hole 8 Due to the fact that you cannot see the green surface from the tee, club selection on this par 3 is paramount. Go with the yardage, as the prevailing wind with you does not seem to affect the shot. The safest play is to aim to the right center of the green, as the front and rear bunkers are difficult to get your ball up and down for par. The green is multi-level, which make for many challenging putts.

Hole 9 You will want a long drive here, favoring the left side of the fairway that slopes left to right. For most all players, this is a three shot par 5. You should aim to the right side of the fairway on your second shot to get the best angle to the green. Your third shot will play longer than the actual yardage, so take an extra club. Try to hit your third shot to the same level as the hole in order to have a reasonable putt at the birdie. The green slopes from top to bottom more than it looks, so pay attention when lining up your putt.

Hole 10 Aim your tee shot to the left center of the fairway, as it slopes from left to right. In order to put the ball in the fairway, you may want to use a fairway wood or long iron due to the hole being relatively short. This green is fairly small, so putting your second shot in the middle of the green will leave you with a reasonable putt for birdie.

Hole 11 When selecting your club you want to take enough club to clear the ditch in front of the green. With the prevailing wind it will normally play one or two clubs longer than the yardage. The left bunker is easier to get out of than the right bunker, so aim accordingly. The green slopes from back to front, making uphill putts very slow and downhill putts very fast.

Hole 12 Hit your tee shot as hard as possible just to have a chance to reach the green with a long iron. Favor the left side of the fairway for the best approach to the green. Try to hit your second shot to the middle of the green. If you have to lay up, aim toward the front right of the green for the easiest chip shot. This green is flatter than it looks, so putts will not break as much as they appear.

Hole 13 Avoid the bunkers on the right side of the fairway off the tee. For long tee shots, this par 5 hole is reachable in two. If you can't reach the green in two shots, use a mid to long iron and aim toward the right side of the fairway on your second shot. The left side of the fairway brings the lateral hazard into play. The third shot plays a little longer than the yardage due to the change in elevation. The green slopes substantially from back to front, so make adjustments with the speed you hit your putt.

Hole 14 You will want to favor the right side of the fairway with a long tee shot to have the best approach to the green. You should place your second shot in the middle of the green, avoiding left and long, as that is an automatic penalty. Putting on this green is pretty much what you see is what you get.

Hole 15 This is the most difficult driving hole on the course. You must place your tee shot in the right side of the fairway to avoid the tree row on the left and trees on the right. Being a two tiered green, you need to use the right club to get on the same level as the hole location on your second shot. Uphill putts are very slow and downhill are very fast.

Hole 16 Club selection is premium, as it normally plays one or two clubs longer than the yardage due to the prevailing wind. Aim your tee shot to the right center of the green. Avoid the bunkers on the left, as they are treacherous to get out of, let alone get it close to the hole. The green slopes right to left more than it looks, so adjust how hard you want to hit your putt accordingly.

Hole 17 Avoid being left with your tee shot, as the lateral hazard will make your ball disappear. The best placement for your drive is the right center of the fairway short of the bunkers on the right. Bigger hitters will have to use a fairway wood to lay up with. The green is elevated to where you can't see the putting surface, so pay attention to the yardage. The green is split down the middle so try to place your second shot on the side of the hole location. The green has lots of undulations and is one of the toughest to putt. Two putts are a premium.

Hole 18 Try to split the fairway with your tee shots, staying in between the bunkers. From the back tees, this par 5 is a three shot hole for most players. From the front tees it's reachable in two shots. For your second shot you need to select a club that will leave you 80-100 yards short of the green to avoid the lake, and to have a full sand wedge or wedge for your third shot. The green slopes from the back to front, as well as left to right on the right side of the green and right to left on the left side of the green. So it is premium to place your third shot on the side of the hole location to have an easier putt.



Buick Invitational 2008 Results

Winner							
Tiger Woods	1	67	65	66	71	269	\$ 936,000.00
Ryuji Imada	2	69	72	69	67	277	\$ 561,600.00
Stewart Cink	T3	68	69	69	73	279	\$ 301,600.00
Rory Sabbatini	T3	67	75	70	67	279	\$ 301,600.00
Justin Leonard	5	76	68	65	72	281	\$ 208,000.00
Joe Durant	T6	70	70	67	75	282	\$ 180,700.00
Phil Mickelson	T6	70	73	68	71	282	\$ 180,700.00
Stuart Appleby	T8	67	72	71	73	283	\$ 150,800.00
Fred Couples	T8	71	69	71	72	283	\$ 150,800.00
John Senden	T8	70	69	72	72	283	\$ 150,800.00
Nathan Green	T11	68	72	72	72	284	\$ 124,800.00
Troy Matteson	T11	65	75	73	71	284	\$ 124,800.00
Steve Elkington	T13	71	71	69	74	285	\$ 91,866.67
Kenneth Ferrie	T13	73	67	71	74	285	\$ 91,866.67
Charles Howell III	T13	68	72	71	74	285	\$ 91,866.67
Kevin Sutherland	T13	73	68	70	74	285	\$ 91,866.67
Aaron Baddeley	T13	71	67	71	76	285	\$ 91,866.66
Camilo Villegas	T13	69	72	70	74	285	\$ 91,866.66
Doug LaBelle II	T19	68	72	69	77	286	\$ 65,260.00
Frank Lickliter II	T19	72	70	73	71	286	\$ 65,260.00
Carl Pettersson	T19	70	72	70	74	286	\$ 65,260.00
Boo Weekley	T19	72	66	71	77	286	\$ 65,260.00
Carlos Franco	T23	71	69	71	76	287	\$ 44,980.00
Matt Jones	T23	72	70	70	75	287	\$ 44,980.00
Matt Kuchar	T23	71	72	71	73	287	\$ 44,980.00
John Mallinger	T23	74	66	72	75	287	\$ 44,980.00
Steve Marino	T23	74	70	71	72	287	\$ 44,980.00
Vijay Singh	T23	73	68	74	72	287	\$ 44,980.00
Bill Haas	T29	72	68	73	75	288	\$ 33,063.34
Dean Wilson	T29	69	71	73	75	288	\$ 33,063.34
Hunter Mahan	T29	71	69	73	75	288	\$ 33,063.33
Parker McLachlin	T29	69	73	73	73	288	\$ 33,063.33
Jeff Quinney	T29	69	71	70	78	288	\$ 33,063.33
Kevin Streelman	T29	67	69	75	77	288	\$ 33,063.33
Robert Allenby	T35	70	70	72	77	289	\$ 27,430.00
Roland Thatcher	T35	73	71	73	72	289	\$ 27,430.00
Jim Furyk	T37	73	68	73	76	290	\$ 22,360.00
Dustin Johnson	T37	72	70	75	73	290	\$ 22,360.00
Shigeaki Maruyama	T37	71	71	73	75	290	\$ 22,360.00
Rod Pampling	T37	70	72	74	74	290	\$ 22,360.00

Kevin Stadler	T37	68	74	76	72	290	\$ 22,360.00
Marc Turnesa	T37	73	70	76	71	290	\$ 22,360.00
Brett Wetterich	T37	72	72	74	72	290	\$ 22,360.00
Briny Baird	T44	71	71	71	78	291	\$ 17,160.00
J.B. Holmes	T44	71	73	72	75	291	\$ 17,160.00
Jon Mills	T44	73	70	73	75	291	\$ 17,160.00
Jin Park	T47	71	73	72	76	292	\$ 14,664.00
Bubba Watson	T47	73	71	75	73	292	\$ 14,664.00
Justin Bolli	T49	74	69	70	80	293	\$ 12,506.00
Jason Day	T49	72	72	75	74	293	\$ 12,506.00
Cliff Kresge	T49	76	67	74	76	293	\$ 12,506.00
Jeff Maggert	T49	71	72	72	78	293	\$ 12,506.00
George McNeill	T49	72	72	75	74	293	\$ 12,506.00
Sean O'Hair	T49	76	68	74	75	293	\$ 12,506.00
Tom Pernice, Jr.	T49	71	73	75	74	293	\$ 12,506.00
Chris Stroud	T49	73	70	73	77	293	\$ 12,506.00
Tim Herron	57	72	72	73	77	294	\$ 11,752.00
Brad Adamonis	T58	66	72	80	77	295	\$ 11,596.00
Craig Barlow	T58	71	73	75	76	295	\$ 11,596.00
Jason Gore	T60	73	71	73	79	296	\$ 11,388.00
Travis Perkins	T60	76	68	77	75	296	\$ 11,388.00
Jamie Lovemark	T60	73	71	73	79	296	\$ 11,388.00
Tag Ridings	63	73	71	70	83	297	\$ 11,232.00
Cody Freeman	64	70	74	77	80	301	\$ 11,128.00
John Rollins	65	71	71	78	82	302	\$ 11,024.00
Mark O'Meara	66	72	72	75	84	303	\$ 10,920.00
Jason Bohn	T67	75	70			145	\$ 9,880.00
Alex Cejka	T67	74	71			145	\$ 9,880.00
Ben Crane	T67	74	71			145	\$ 9,880.00
Chris DiMarco	T67	70	75			145	\$ 9,880.00
Nick Flanagan	T67	74	71			145	\$ 9,880.00
Lucas Glover	T67	72	73			145	\$ 9,880.00
Charley Hoffman	T67	73	72			145	\$ 9,880.00
Fredrik Jacobson	T67	75	70			145	\$ 9,880.00
Craig Kanada	T67	69	76			145	\$ 9,880.00
Anthony Kim	T67	68	77			145	\$ 9,880.00
Martin Laird	T67	71	74			145	\$ 9,880.00
Nick O'Hern	T67	70	75			145	\$ 9,880.00
Kenny Perry	T67	74	71			145	\$ 9,880.00
Scott Sterling	T67	70	75			145	\$ 9,880.00
Vaughn Taylor	T67	77	68			145	\$ 9,880.00
Omar Uresti	T67	76	69			145	\$ 9,880.00
Bo Van Pelt	T67	74	71			145	\$ 9,880.00
Jay Williamson	T67	74	71			145	\$ 9,880.00
Y.E. Yang	T67	74	71			145	\$ 9,880.00

Scoring Records

9-Hole Record:

27, on the North Course, holes 10-18 in 2007 by Brandt Snedeker

Best 1st Round Score:

61, on the North Course in Round 1 in 2007 by Brandt Snedeker

Best 2nd Round Score:

61, on the North Course in Round 2 in 1990
by Mark Brooks

Best 3rd Round Score:

62, on the South Course in 1999 by Tiger Woods

Best 4th Round Score:

63, in 1984 on the South Course by Tommy Nakajima,
63, in 2002 by Greg Chalmers on the new South Course

Best 1st 36 Holes:

129, in 1996 by Lennie Clements
129, in 2005 by Tom Lehman

Best 2nd 36 Holes:

127, in 1999 by Tiger Woods

Best 54 Holes:

198, in 1985 by Woody Blackburn
198, in 2008 by Tiger Woods

Best 72 Holes:

266, in 1987 by George Burns
266, in 1999 by Tiger Woods

Low Start By A Winner:

63, by George Burns in 1987

High Start By A Winner:

76, by Pete Brown in 1970
76, by Fuzzy Zoeller in 1979

Low Finish By A Winner:

64, in 1966 by Billy Casper (Stardust)
64, in 1996 by Davis Love III
64, in 1998 by Scott Simpson

Largest 18-hole Lead:

3, in 1952 by Ted Kroll at San Diego Country Club

Largest 36-hole Lead:

4, in 1952 by Ted Kroll at Mission Valley Country Club
4, in 1955 by Tommy Bolt at Mission Valley Country Club
4, in 2008 by Tiger Woods at Torrey Pines

Largest 54-hole Lead:

8, in 2008 by Tiger Woods at Torrey Pines

Largest Margin of Victory:

8, in 2008 by Tiger Woods

Best Come From Behind Win:

8, by Scott Simpson in 1998

Wire-to-Wire Winners:

Ted Kroll in 1952
Tommy Bolt in 1953 and 1955
J.C. Snead in 1976
Johnny Miller in 1982



San Diego Champions

All-Time Results (at Torrey Pines)

2008	Tiger Woods	08:1, 07:1, 06:1, 05:1, 04:T10, 03:1, 02:T5, 01:4, 00:T2, 99:1, 98:T3	1993	Phil Mickelson	Listed for 2001	1979	Fuzzy Zoeller	01:T82, 98:T57, 88:T66, 84:T41, 82:T7, 81:T19, 80:T56, 79:1, 78:3
2007	Tiger Woods	Listed for 2008	1992	Steve Pate	02:T68, 00:T14, 99:T52, 98:T6, 97:T38, 94:T31, 93:T15, 92:1, 91:T5, 90:56, 89:19, 88:1, 87:T36, 86:T18, 85:T68	1978	Jay Haas	05:T45, 04:T10, 03:T21, 02:T13, 98:T76, 97:T34, 94:T51, 92:T21, 89:T58, 88:2, 87:T60, 85:T29, 84:T14, 82:T53, 81:T36, 80:T7, 78:1, 77:6
2006	Tiger Woods	Listed for 2008	1991	Jay Don Blake	02:T44, 01:T7, 00:T14, 98:T27, 97:T11, 95:T16, 94:T24, 93:T4, 91:1, 89:T42, 88:T10, 87:T36	1979	Fuzzy Zoeller	01:T82, 98:T57, 88:T66, 84:T41, 82:T7, 81:T19, 80:T56, 79:1, 78:3
2005	Tiger Woods	Listed for 2008	1990	Dan Forsman	02:T68, 99:T35, 98:T57, 97:T34, 96:T66, 95:T69, 93:T74, 92:T15, 91:3, 90:1, 89:6, 88:T3, 86:81	1978	Jay Haas	05:T45, 04:T10, 03:T21, 02:T13, 98:T76, 97:T34, 94:T51, 92:T21, 89:T58, 88:2, 87:T60, 85:T29, 84:T14, 82:T53, 81:T36, 80:T7, 78:1, 77:6
2004	John Daly	06:T63, 05:T70, 04:1, 02:4, 98:T16, 91:T60	1989	Greg Twiggs	98:T57, 96:T56, 93:T4, 89:1	1977	Tom Watson	Listed for 1980
2003	Tiger Woods	Listed for 2008	1988	Steve Pate	Listed for 1992	1976	J.C. Snead	87:T2, 86:T28, 85:T37, 83:T48, 82:T16, 81:T25, 80:T7, 79:T14, 78:T20, 77:T39, 76:1, 75:1, 74:8, 71:T34
2002	Jose Maria Olazabal	06:T2, 04:T59, 02:1, 01:T13	1987	George Burns	90:37, 88:T48, 87:1, 86:T73, 82:T12, 81:T4, 80:T13, 78:T30, 77:T9, 76:T27	1975	J.C. Snead	Listed for 1976
2001	Phil Mickelson	07:T51, 06:T8, 05:T56, 04:T4, 03:T4, 01:1, 00:1, 98:T49, 97:T38, 96:T2, 95:T16, 94:3, 93:1	1986	Bob Tway	07:T60, 06:T70, 05:T45, 04:T21, 03:T28, 02:T24, 01:T20, 00:T14, 98:T16, 97:T11, 93:T80, 92:T38, 89:T19, 88:T18, 86:1, 88:T58, 86:T28, 85:1	1974	Bobby Nichols	84:T52, 80:T64, 79:T56, 78:T50, 77:T26, 76:21, 75:T2, 74:1, 71:T13, 70:T42, 69:T43, 68:T9
2000	Phil Mickelson	Listed for 2001	1985	Woody Blackburn	89:T53, 88:T10, 87:T47, 86:T6, 85:T29, 84:1, 81:T67, 79:T33, 78:T30, 76:T32	1973	Bob Dickson	77:T59, 76:T7, 75:T69, 74:T63, 73:1, 71:T34, 69:T15
1999	Tiger Woods	Listed for 2008	1984	Gary Kock	94:T24, 86:T6, 85:T12, 84:2, 83:1, 82:T2, 81:T4	1972	Paul Harney	73:T12, 72:1, 71:T3, 70:T12, 69:T23, 68:T7
1998	Scott Simpson	05:T78, 99:T7, 98:1, 97:T16, 96:T3, 94:T15, 93:T37, 92:T53, 91:T35, 90:T11, 89:T29, 88:T23, 87:T6, 86:T50, 85:T19, 83:7, 82:T14, 79:T10	1983	Gary Hallberg	89:T12, 87:T36, 86:T28, 85:T19, 83:T21, 82:1, 81:T10, 78:T11, 75:T16, 72:T27, 70:T34	1971	George Archer	81:T41, 77:T9, 75:T16, 74:T22, 71:1, 70:T26, 69:T20, 68:T45
1997	Mark O'Meara	07:T39, 06:T16, 05:T70, 02:T2, 01:T69, 00:T41, 98:T47, 97:1, 96:T3, 95:T58, 92:T25, 90:T4, 89:T2, 88:T31, 87:T50, 84:T23, 83:T27, 82:T41, 81:T39	1982	Johnny Miller	90:T11, 88:T45, 86:T18, 85:T37, 83:T27, 82:T59, 81:1	1970	Pete Brown	80:T70, 79:T72, 73:T37, 70:1
1996	Davis Love III	06:T24, 01:T2, 00:4, 98:T3, 97:T59, 96:1, 92:T38, 86:T24	1981	Bruce Lietzke	92:T6, 89:T53, 88:T23, 87:T13, 86:T11, 83:T5, 82:T7, 81:T32, 80:1, 79:T2, 78:T11, 77:1, 76:T27, 74:T4, 73:T22, 72:T68	1969	Jack Nicklaus	82:2, 72:T32, 71:T3, 70:3, 69:1, 68:5
1995	Peter Jacobsen	02:T58, 99:T60, 98:T57, 97:T51, 96:T45, 95:1, 87:T6, 84:T70, 82:T32, 78:T20, 77:T152	1980	Tom Watson		1968	Tom Weiskopf	92:T25, 79:T14, 70:4, 68:1
1994	Craig Stadler	00:T14, 99:T27, 98:T13, 97:T2, 96:T24, 95:T12, 94:1, 93:T9, 92:T46, 90:T4, 89:T19, 87:DQ, 85:T12, 84:T3, 83:T10, 82:T32, 81:T7, 80:T13, 79:T25, 78:T42, 77:T68						

Rounds in 60s

since 1990 at Buick Invitational



2001	Frank Lickliter II	T2
	Mike Weir	T5
	Jay Don Blake	T7
	Shigeki Maruyama	T13

1999	Billy Ray Brown	2
	Bill Glasson	3

1996	Scott Simpson	T3
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1995	Peter Jacobsen	W
	Hal Sutton	T2
	Kirk Triplett	T2

1994	Craig Stadler	W
	Steve Lowery	2
	Phil Mickelson	3
	Hal Sutton	4

1991	Jay Don Blake	W
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1989	Brad Faxon	T2
	Duffy Waldorf	T9

Tournament History

1952

January 17-20



San Diego Country Club
\$10,000 total purse, \$2,000 first prize

Winner: Ted Kroll

65-69-72-70 - 276

Two things — rain and low scores — marked the first Open, and as it turns out they were brands for the San Diego Open. A torrential storm washed out Wednesday's practice round, and although few days were lost to weather, winter rains plagued the event for years. And Ted Kroll opened with a 65. It was the lowest score shot on the course in 25 years, and low scores would be a highlight of Opens to come. Playing under lift, clean and place rules, Kroll shot 276 to beat Jimmy Demaret by three shots. Former boxing champ Joe Louis played with PGA president Horton Smith as "an invited guest," despite African-American Bill Spiller's having qualified for the tournament only to be turned away at the first tee. That week the PGA board agreed to loosen its Caucasian-only restriction slightly, and the Phoenix Open agreed to allow black players to compete if they qualified the following week.

Final Leaders:

1. Ted Kroll	65-69-72-70	276
2. Jimmy Demaret	73-69-68-69	279
3. Jim Ferrier	73-69-69-71	282
3. Jay Hebert	69-71-70-72	282

1953

January 17-20



San Diego Country Club
\$10,000 purse, \$2,000 first prize

Winner: Tommy Bolt

66-68-70-70 - 274

After the first round, leader Tommy Bolt told reporters, "I've got a secret for you. I'm going to come out on top." That he did with a new tournament record, 274. As did Kroll the year before, Bolt went wire-to-wire. But his reputation for a bad temper was challenged. Dr. Cary Middlecoff made 8 on the par-4 15th hole in the third round, knocked his ball off the green and walked in from there. And runner-up Doug Ford, who was tied the lead on No. 9 Sunday only to find himself four down four holes later, was tossing clubs. Said Bolt, "[Ford] took the club-throwing title away from me a long time ago. I can't get [his] kind of distance throwing clubs. After the 14th I was just jelly-rollin', playing everything safe on the last four holes. And, man, it felt good." The San Diego Jaycees organized and the Chevrolet Dealers Association sponsored the first two Opens.

Final Leaders:

1. Tommy Bolt	66-68-70-70	274
2. Doug Ford	68-71-66-72	277
3. Al Brosch	73-68-64-73	278
4. Gene Littler	71-70-68-70	279
4. Lloyd Mangrum	68-73-67-71	279

1954

January 15-18



Rancho Santa Fe Country Club
\$15,000 purse, \$2,400 first prize

Winner: Gene Littler

67-66-69-72 - 278

The day the tournament started Howard Hagen wrote in *The San Diego Union*, "There's a distinct possibility that that the entire professional field may be upset by Gene Littler, 23-year-old San Diego naval airman and National Amateur champion." After sharing seventh place and fourth the first two years, Littler took the lead in the second round on the course where he'd won the State Open in 1953. This was the first time the event was telecast locally, by both Channels 8 and 10, and the first year it was sponsored by Convair. Littler, still an amateur, made just four bogeys all week, three on the rain-soaked final day. After actress Esther Williams presented a silver tea set to Littler and the first-prize check to runner-up Dutch Harrison, Littler said, "I offered to split prizes with Dutch but he wasn't interested."

Final Leaders:

1. Gene Littler	67-66-69-72	274
2. E.J. Harrison	69-67-71-71	278
3. Ted Kroll	71-71-67-71	280
3. Cary Middlecoff	70-67-70-73	280

Tournament History

1955

January 20-23



Mission Valley Country Club
\$15,000 total purse, \$2,400 first prize

Winner: Tommy Bolt

64-67-72-71 - 274

Tommy Bolt went wire-to-wire for the second time in three years. Bolt birdied the first seven holes of the tournament and was 8-under through 10 despite soggy conditions. With 14-under par 274, he matched his tournament record and beat Jackie Burke Jr. by three shots. Gene Littler, who turned pro soon after his 1954 victory, finished in the top seven for the fourth straight year. "I figured I had it won when I got to 4-under after six," Bolt said Sunday. "I didn't see how I could lose. This is the second time I've won this tournament and I like it so much I think I'm going to move here." Bolt also told the tournament director, John Jay Hopkins, "With all these people here today you ought to raise the purse to \$25,000. It would bring a little publicity for Convair."

Final Leaders:

1. Tommy Bolt	64-67-72-71	274
2. Johnny Palmer	69-70-68-69	276
3. Fred Haas	74-66-70-67	277
4. Ted Kroll	70-69-71-67	277

1956

October 4-7



Singing Hills Country Club
\$15,000 total purse, \$2,400 first prize

Winner: Bob Rosburg

70-68-67-65 - 270

Bob Rosburg began the final round two shots behind Dow Finsterwald but birdied holes 6 through 11 en route to a 65 that gave him the tournament record at 18 under par, two better than Dick Mayer. Rosburg made just four bogeys all week and missed only two greens on the weekend. In addition to a new record in '56, the date was moved to the fall in an attempt to avoid the winter rains. The site was moved to Singing Hills, which had opened earlier that year. Times were tough for the tournament, which continued to lose money. "This might be the last year of the Open," said Convair spokesman Eddie Jones. "We won't go back on the winter tour now that the Caliente Open is apparently a fixture." That event in Tijuana was played in January 1956-58 on San Diego's traditional dates.

Final Leaders:

1. Bob Rosburg	70-68-67-65	270
2. Dick Mayer	67-69-68-65	272
3. Doug Ford	72-68-67-66	273
3. Don January	68-67-70-68	273

1957

October 30-
November 3



Mission Valley Country Club
\$15,000 total purse, \$2,400 first prize

Winner: Arnold Palmer

65-68-68-70 - 271

Arnold Palmer withstood a charge by Al Balding and won in his first Open appearance. Palmer led overnight but trailed Balding by three shots with nine holes to play. After Balding played the last nine 3-over and Palmer made two birdies coming in, Palmer could afford a bogey on the last hole to win his fourth title of the season.

"I guess you wouldn't say I played golf for pleasure," said Palmer. "I don't seem to enjoy it as much if there isn't competition." Beginning in '57, Palmer led the tour in wins in five of the next eight years. The Open's future was not so bright. Its sponsor, Convair, had lost approximately \$70,000 in four rain-plagued years. Tom Lanphier of Convair promised the show would go on the following fall, but it did not. The event skipped a year and returned to its January slot in 1959.

Final Leaders:

1. Arnold Palmer	65-68-68-70	271
2. Al Balding	67-64-71-70	272
3. Billy Casper	69-66-69-69	273
3. Mike Souchak	68-69-69-67	273

Tournament History

1959

January 28–
February 1



Mission Valley Country Club
\$20,000 total purse, \$2,800 first prize

Winner: Marty Furgol

69-70-71-64-69 – 274

Marty Furgol, 41, became the first to win the pro-am and win the big prize on Sunday. In Wednesday's pro-am, he opened with two bogeys and shot 66. After he made the cut by two shots he was seven off the lead, but in tying the competitive course record Saturday he drew within three. It was his first win in five years and Dave Ragan bogeyed the last two holes to finish second by one but Furgol smiled and said, "Don't write no Cinderella story about me, boys. I've been on the tour 10 years." It would be 39 years before an older player, Scott Simpson, 42, won the event. Four players — Paul Runyan, Gene Sarazen, Gene Littler and Vic Ghezzi — each bought \$100 sponsorships in the tournament, and only the last two were entered.

Final Leaders:

1. Marty Furgol	0-71-64-69	274
2. Mike Souchak	65-68-69-73	275
2. Billy Casper	67-69-69-70	275
2. Dave Ragan	69-68-66-72	275

1960

January 28-31



Mission Valley Country Club
\$22,500, total purse, \$2,800 first prize

Winner: Mike Souchak

67-68-67-67 – 269

The day after Pete Rozelle was named NFL commissioner, Mason Rudolph set the tournament 18-hole scoring record with a 9 under par 63, one better than Al Geiberger. Bob Goalby, Mike Souchak and Johnny Pott joined Rudolph at 9-under Friday. Pott took a one-shot lead over Souchak Saturday but Souchak finally won with a record 19 under par 267, one better than Pott. It was the first time one year's runner-up was the next year's winner. Billy Casper in 1966 and Tom Watson in '80 would be the only others. The turning point came on the 15th hole, where Souchak played his drive into the adjacent 14th and made birdie for the lead he never lost. "Last year I played (No. 15) straight, made six and blew the tournament," said Souchak, who first earned money on tour (\$85) in the 1952 Open.

Final Leaders:

1. Mike Souchak	67-68-67-67	269
2. Johnny Pott	69-66-66-69	270
3. Art Wall	68-68-69-68	270
4. Billy Casper	72-68-65-69	274
4. Al Geiberger	64-72-69-69	274
4. Dave Marr	66-71-70-67	274

1961

January 12-14



Stardust Country Club
\$22,500 total purse, \$2,800 first prize

Winner: Arnold Palmer

69-68-68-65 – 271

On Tuesday, the San Diego Hall of Champions was dedicated, and on Wednesday, Don Coryell was named San Diego State's football coach. On Sunday, Arnold Palmer, charged back to win the first of the tournament's 11 playoffs. The Mission Valley course had been renamed Stardust, par was reduced to 71 and this was the first year the PGA went to starting players on both nines. Palmer, who had come from behind to take five of his eight wins in '60, was four behind Al Balding with six holes left but was tied after 16 when Balding made a 40-foot birdie on 17. "My position didn't look too good then," Palmer said. "Of course, we still had another hole to play." He made his own 12-foot birdie on 17, then a 5-foot birdie on the first extra hole. It was the second time in three years Balding finished one behind Palmer, and chairman Tom Lanphier Jr. personally added \$100 to Balding's \$1,900 check.

Final Leaders:

1. Arnold Palmer	69-68-69-65	271
2. Al Balding	69-66-70-66	271
3. Gary Player	67-69-71-68	275
4. Don January	68-72-68-68	276

Tournament History

1962

January 11-14



Stardust Country Club

\$25,000 total purse, \$3,500 first prize

Winner: Tommy Jacobs

72-70-70-65 - 277

The 10th Open was the first for both the Century Club, which had been founded six months earlier, and Jack Nicklaus, who debuted as a pro a week before at Los Angeles. He tied for 15th and won \$550. Tommy Jacobs made two great comebacks. After making the cut by two shots he started the final round five behind leader Mike Souchak. He finished at 7-under an hour before the final group and left early to check out of his motel with his family. Luckily, he tuned to the tournament on his car radio and returned to the course where he found himself in a playoff with one of his best friends, Johnny Pott, who had eight 1-putts but 3-putted three of the last six holes. Jacobs made a 14-foot birdie on the first extra hole and said, "I felt like a dirty dog holing that putt, but I'm glad I did it."

Final Leaders:

1. Tommy Jacobs	72-70-70-65	277
2. Johnny Pott	71-67-70-69	277
3. George Bayer	68-71-75-64	278
3. Art Wall	69-70-69-70	278

1963

January 10-13



Stardust Country Club

\$25,000 total purse, \$3,500 first prize

Winner: Gary Player

65-65-70-70 - 270

On Sunday, hundreds of fans made it from the AFL All-Star game at Balboa Stadium in time to see Gary Player's victory, which came days after he finished second to Arnold Palmer in a rain-delayed Los Angeles Open. Billy Casper led with a 64 for the lead, but two 65s gave Player a share of the tour's 36-hole record. Tony Lema's 67 put him at 13-under well before Player found himself left of the green on the par-3 final hole. His pitch carried the bunker but stopped on the fringe 18 feet short of the cup. Player, a born showman, walked over to study the scoreboard and assess his position. He needed to make the putt to avoid a playoff and he did. At the awards ceremony Player told Lema, "I hated to do that to you," to which Lema replied, "Well, I wish you'd done it to someone else."

Final Leaders:

1. Gary Player	65-65-70-70	270
2. Tony Lema	65-68-71-67	271
3. Billy Casper	64-68-69-71	272
3. Charles Sifford	67-69-67-69	272

1964

January 10-12



Rancho Bernardo Inn

\$30,000 total purse, \$4,300 first prize

Winner: Art Wall

71-65-68-70 - 274

Art Wall, variously described as "taciturn" and "seldom-smiling," took the lead after the second round and never relinquished it. It was his first win in five years, large portions of which were spent fighting various ailments and injuries. The previous year 40 players broke par at Stardust. This year only 10 broke par, and Wall's 6 under par total on the par-70 layout would be the highest against par in the Open's first 16 years. For the first time frost delays stranded players for the first two rounds. Tony Lema finished second for the second straight year; only John Schroeder in 1978 would do the same. A letter-writing campaign by the San Diego Junior Golf Association coaxed Arnold Palmer to change his mind and enter, which helped boost crowds to an all-time high. Year-old Rancho Bernardo had negotiated a two-year deal to host the Open, but the tournament returned to Mission Valley the following year.

Final Leaders:

1. Art Wall	71-65-68-70	274
2. Tony Lema	67-70-72-67	276
2. Bob Rosburg	66-69-71-70	276
4. Bob Charles	69-69-73-66	277

Tournament History

1965

January 14-17



Stardust Country Club
\$39,000 total purse, \$4,850 first prize

Winner: Wes Ellis

66-65-71-65 - 267

This was as wild a week as the Open had seen and it started on Wednesday when Gene Littler signed for a 101 in the pro-am after he put down a 35 for his ninth hole instead of for the entire nine. The next day he shot 62, a tournament record. A third-round 65 put Billy Casper one behind leader Wes Ellis, and Casper led by two late on Sunday. But Ellis birdied three of the last four holes, including 18 with a 48-foot putt from the front fringe to tie Casper at 267. "When Ellis tied it with that long putt on 18 it was a pretty good indication of what was in store," said Casper, who lost to a 6-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole. He had shot 13-under on the weekend and failed to win, but the 267 he shared with Ellis would stand as the tournament record until 1987.

1966

January 13-16



Stardust Country Club
\$45,000 total purse, \$5,800 first prize

Winner: Billy Casper

70-66-68-64 - 268

Atop Howard Hagen's handicap of the field in the Thursday *San Diego Union* was the headline: "The Winner?—Billy Casper." But Casper was five shots off the first-round lead and four back the next two days. On Saturday, Charlie Sifford aced the 18th hole and won an Oldsmobile that retailed for \$6,000; first prize was \$5,000. Casper said, "I wish they could find some way to take putting out of this game. From 10 feet I'm lucky to make one out of 10." By luck or skill, Casper needed only 25 putts on a chilly, windy Sunday. His second straight Sunday 64 gave him 268, one higher than his record score in '65. He caught Aaron on the 10th hole and beat him by four shots. "I always wanted to win at home," said Casper, whose victory ended 14 consecutive years of futility, a record that still stands.

1967

January 13-16



Stardust Country Club
\$71,000 total purse, \$13,200 first prize

Winner: Bob Goalby

68-64-68-69 - 269

The 15th Open was sandwiched between the Wednesday announcement that the NBA had awarded a franchise to San Diego, at a cost of \$1.75 million to Bob Breitbard's group, and the inaugural Super Bowl on Sunday. Seventeen fairway bunkers were added between 220 and 240 yards off the tees to toughen the test and still more than a third of the field broke par the first day. Bob Goalby tied the 54-hole Open mark at 13 under par and took a five-shot lead but his win was hard-earned. On the 16th tee, his wife told him Gay Brewer was in at 270. "That kind of shook me up," said Goalby, who bogeyed the hole and dropped into a tie for the lead. "I thought I had about a four- or five-stroke lead by that time." But he birdied 17 and made a fine sand save on 18 to win by one.

Final Leaders:

1. Wes Ellis	66-65-71-65	267
2. Billy Casper	70-68-65-64	267
3. Johnny Pott	66-69-68-65	268
4. George Knudson	69-68-68-64	269

Final Leaders:

1. Billy Casper	70-66-68-64	268
2. Tommy Aaron	65-71-64-72	272
2. Tom Weiskopf	68-68-68-68	272
4. Paul Bondeson	67-65-71-70	273
4. Don January	68-66-66-73	273

Final Leaders:

1. Bob Goalby	68-64-68-69	269
2. Gay Brewer	66-72-68-64	270
3. Bob Charles	69-70-68-66	273
4. Al Geiberger	69-69-67-69	274
4. Dave Hill	69-68-69-68	274

Tournament History

1968

February 8–11



Torrey Pines South
\$150,000 total purse, \$30,000 first prize

Winner: Tom Weiskopf

66–68–71–68 – 273

Everything changes. With Andy Williams as the celebrity host, the event moved to Torrey Pines and national television and the purse more than doubled. Jack Nicklaus played with Williams in the pro-am, a two-day affair at Stardust and Torrey with 100 pros and 300 amateurs. Holes 1, 2 and 3 on the North Course were used instead of 11, 12 and 13 on the South Course until 1973. Jimmy Powell's record opening 64 stood for 18 years, but Tom Weiskopf led after two rounds and shared the lead Saturday with Nicklaus and Al Geiberger, with whom he was paired Sunday. With Geiberger over a 15-foot putt he would make for sole second, Weiskopf made a 25-foot eagle on 18 that broke two feet at the end, "left, toward the ocean," he said. "But I never dreamed it would go in." Just as Ted Kroll had in '52, Weiskopf got his first career win on a new course at a new tournament.

Final Leaders:

1. Tom Weiskopf	66-68-71-68	273
2. Al Geiberger	68-69-68-69	274
3. Raymond Floyd	66-73-69-67	275
4. Bob Lunn	69-71-66-70	276
5. Jack Nicklaus	67-69-69-72	277

1969

January 30–
February 2



Torrey Pines South
\$150,000 total purse, \$30,000 first prize

Winner: Jack Nicklaus

68–72–71–73 – 284

Rains inundated Torrey Pines for days before the tournament began and the place was a sponge, the chief reason Jack Nicklaus' 284 still stands as the highest winning total. In the Monday qualifier on the North Course, John Kennedy and Butch Harmon were paired together and both aced No. 3. That soggy green had to be scratched for the tournament, though, and players hit from the tee to the ninth green, stretching the hole from 158 to 210 yards. Nicklaus was two behind leader Gene Littler at the start on Sunday, but Littler struggled to a 76 and Nicklaus beat him by one with a 73 that included a double-bogey on 18. "I wouldn't have believed 284 would win it," said Nicklaus, who made four birdie putts longer than 30 feet on the front nine. "It wasn't a very good round and 284's not much of a score, but I did what I had to do."

Final Leaders:

1. Jack Nicklaus	68-72-71-73	284
2. Gene Littler	70-72-67-76	285
3. Tommy Aaron	74-72-70-70	286
3. Dave Stockton	74-72-70-70	286
5. Don Finsterwald	69-75-72-71	287

1970

January 27–
February 1



Torrey Pines
\$150,000 total purse, \$30,000 first prize

Winner: Pete Brown

76–67–67–65 – 275

(won with par on first playoff hole)

Pete Brown staged the greatest comeback in tournament history and he needed the first playoff at Torrey to do it. He was 11 shots behind leader Tony Jacklin the first day, 10 behind Jacklin and Jack Nicklaus after the second day's best, 67, and seven back of Nicklaus after another 67 Saturday. On the eve of his 35th birthday, Brown went out in 31 and tied for the lead on No. 10. He missed a 4-foot birdie on 18 but shot 65, one off the 18-hole record. Jacklin made a final birdie to tie Brown. Nicklaus missed a 4-footer there and the playoff by a shot. On the first extra hole, Brown won his second career event with a par. "I told my caddie I had to shoot 68 to make the cut," said Brown, who beat polio as a kid. "I didn't think I had a chance. That's a lot of strokes to make up on people like Jack Nicklaus and Tony Jacklin."

Final Leaders:

1. Pete Brown	76-67-67-65	275
2. Tony Jacklin	66-67-71-71	275
3. Jack Nicklaus	65-68-70-73	276
4. Tom Weiskopf	72-67-70-69	278

Tournament History

1971

January 28–31



Torrey Pines

\$150,000 total purse, \$30,000 first prize

Winner: George Archer

67–72–68–65 – 272

George Archer, winless since the 1969 Masters, was four shots off the lead at the midway point but joined four others for a share of the lead going into the final round. On the day the Apollo 14 moon mission lifted off in Florida, Archer eclipsed the 72-hole record at Torrey with a final 65. Dave Eichelberger was second by three after he birdied the last two holes. It was anyone's day — and Jack Nicklaus thought it was his early on the back nine: "That was before Archer started shooting up the place." In a cold fog that delayed play for 45 minutes at the start and twice suspended play, Archer birdied No. 7 and made five more on the final nine. "The ball had eyes," said Archer. "I was rolling nothing but sevens." He had a 6-foot birdie putt to tie the tournament 18-hole record on 18 but missed. "You can't make 'em all," Archer explained, "you'll ruin your reputation."

Final Leaders:

1. George Archer	67-72-68-65	272
2. Dave Eichelberger	66-70-71-68	275
3. Miller Barber	68-69-70-70	277
3. Jack Nicklaus	69-71-71-66	277
4. Paul Harney	69-70-69-69	277

1972

January 27–20



Torrey Pines

\$150,000 total purse, \$30,000 first prize

Winner: Paul Harney

68–71–66–70 – 275

At the start of the week all eyes were on Jack Nicklaus, who had finished fifth, first, third and tied for third in his first four appearances at Torrey Pines, but it was an occasional tourist who stole the limelight. Paul Harney, a club pro from Massachusetts, had given up a fulltime schedule nine years earlier to spend time with his wife and six children. Now he spent winters hitting balls into a net in his pro shop and played a dozen or fewer events annually. He trailed leader Hale Irwin by four with eight holes to play, but Irwin bogeyed 10, 12 and 14, and when Harney made a short birdie on the last hole he won for the first time in seven years. "It isn't often I'm in position to win," said Harney. "That's why I was so nervous today. I'm not as accustomed to pressure as I was when I was playing 40 tournaments a year."

Final Leaders:

1. Paul Harney	68-71-66-70	275
2. Hale Irwin	69-68-67-72	276
3. Gardner Dickinson	70-70-69-68	277
4. Bruce Crampton	71-66-69-72	278

1973

February 15–18



Torrey Pines

\$170,000 total purse, \$34,000 first prize

Winner: Bob Dickson

69–69–69–72 – 278

Both the North and South Courses were used in the tournament for the first time. Thursday, rain and hail suspended play before 8 a.m., and when it resumed players were sent onto both courses. The next day the Tour recommended both courses be used in the future, and they have been. There were more than 40 players using what The San Diego Union described as "the revolutionary new graphite golf shafts manufactured here by Aldila." Coming off consecutive wins at Phoenix and Tucson, Bruce Crampton led Monday qualifier Bob Dickson by one Sunday morning. Dickson tied for the lead a third time with a birdie on 14 and won by one after Crampton bogeyed the last four holes in the tournament's biggest collapse. "I've gotten to the point a number of time in recent years to where I didn't feel like I belong on the tour," said Dickson, who had one once before and never won again.

Final Leaders:

1. Bob Dickson	69-68-69-72	278
2. Billy Casper	69-69-72-71	281
2. Bruce Crampton	67-70-68-76	281
2. Grier Jones	69-66-71-75	281
2. Phil Rodgers	71-73-71-66	281

Tournament History

1974

January 24-27



Torrey Pines

\$170,000 total purse, \$34,000 first prize

Winner: Bobby Nichols

69-69-68-69 - 275

Second-year players Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite shared the first-round lead at 65 and with Johnny Miller, Lanny Wadkins and John Mahaffey there was a lot of talk about the promising newcomers on tour. But the headlines this week belonged to the Padres, who were on the verge of leaving for Washington, D.C. On Wednesday Ray Kroc agreed to buy the team for \$12 million, and the next day he and the city agreed on a lease at San Diego Stadium. On Saturday Bobby Nichols birdied the last two holes to tie Rod Curl for the lead at 10 under par. Even par though 12, Nichols eagled 13 and birdied 16 to win by one after Curl's 12-footer to tie slipped low on 18. "I was surprised," said Nichols, the first to shoot four rounds in the '60s at Torrey. "I thought I'd have to birdie one of the last two holes and I thought Rod would make that last putt."

Final Leaders:

1. Bobby Nichols	69-69-68-69	275
2. Rod Curl	71-68-67-70	276
2. Gene Littler	68-71-71-66	276
4. Miller Barber	74-66-69-69	278
4. Tom Watson	70-72-66-70	278

1975

February 13-16



Torrey Pines

\$170,000 total purse, \$34,000 first prize

Winner: J.C. Snead

69-71-71-68 - 279

(won on fourth playoff hole)

A cold wind battered the field for four days at the dawn of the "Snead Era," two years of on-course tumult that befit the tempestuous champion, J.C. Snead. Shortly before Snead got to 18, Bruce Devlin made a 10 there after taking five swings to get out of the new water hazard fronting the green. Leader John Mahaffey doubled-bogeyed 17 and 18. Then Snead made a 20-foot birdie after hitting out of a buried lie in a greenside bunker, posted 279 and waited for five more wind-whipped threesomes to finish. Tied by Raymond Floyd and Bobby Nichols, Snead eliminated Nichols with a par on the first extra hole and Floyd with a birdie on 18. "It's a great feeling to win, I don't care if it's the Popcorn Open," said Snead. "I wasn't thinking about winning, I was thinking about Ryder Cup points. Then everybody started dropping shots and I hoped maybe I could get in a playoff."

Final Leaders:

1. J.C. Snead	69-71-71-68	279
2. Raymond Floyd	68-71-68-72	279
2. Bobby Nichols	71-69-68-71	279
4. Rod Funseth	70-67-69-74	280
5. Tom Kite	72-68-70-71	281

1976

February 12-15



Torrey Pines

\$180,000 total purse, \$36,000 first prize

Winner: J.C. Snead

65-68-67-72 - 272

After eight solid days of rain, Torrey Pines was so wet that Monday's pro-am was canceled, the first day ever lost to weather. Crews couldn't mow the turf, and the rough was six inches deep in spots. Officials decided to play "lift, clean and place" even in the rough, and players protested loudly. But J.C. Snead literally found a four-leaf clover in Thursday's round of 65 and kept it with him to the finish. His 200 was a 54-hole record, but he needed his fifth consecutive birdie on 18 dating back to last year to shoot 72 and beat Don Bies by one. "Oh, well," said Snead, "It's over, I won it and to hell with it. I got the money. Golf balances out. This makes up for some tournaments where I played well and didn't get a smell."

Final Leaders:

1. J.C. Snead	65-68-67-72	272
2. Don Bies	70-66-70-67	273
3. Bruce Crampton	66-68-73-68	275
3. Don January	71-65-69-70	275
3. Mike Morley	67-66-73-69	275

Tournament History

1977

January 27-20



Torrey Pines

\$180,000 total purse, \$36,000 first prize

Winner: Tom Watson

66-67-67-69 - 269

Tom Watson shattered Billy Casper's scoring record at Pebble Beach and arrived in San Diego "riding a tidal wave that might be 25 feet high." Watson aced No. 12 on the North and opened with a 66, one off the lead. He shared that with Lon Hinkle and Bob Shearer the second day, equaled the 54-hole mark at 216 and then added a 69 in cruising to the tournament record at Torrey Pines. His record five-shot margin has been equaled only once. He was 33 under par for two weeks. Afterward he donated \$1,000 to the San Diego Junior Golf Association and said that the tidal wave "is at least 30 feet now." About the only suspense was in the race for second place. Larry Nelson tied La Jolla's John Schroeder with a birdie on the last hole, but Schroeder's \$16,650 exceeded his take for all of 1976.

Final Leaders:

1. Tom Watson	66-67-67-69	269
2. Larry Nelson	68-69-68-69	274
2. John Schroeder	68-69-70-67	274
4. Jerry McGee	70-71-66-68	275
4. Bob Shearer	67-66-69-73	275

1978

January 25-29



Torrey Pines

\$200,000 total purse, \$40,000 first prize

Winner: Jay Haas

72-64-72-70 - 278

There were three firsts this year. Jay Haas won his first tour event at 282. San Diegan Scott Simpson was given an exemption, tied for 13th and won \$3,100 in his first tour event as a pro. And Ed Fiori finished last among 69 finalists at 300 and earned \$315, marking the first time the final field was paid. The course was wet and the weather cold, which kept scoring high. When second-year pro Haas set the nine-hole record at 30 on the North Friday, his 64 put him in the lead for keeps. Haas bogeyed 18 Sunday but won by three over Gene Littler, Andy Bean and John Schroeder, who joined Tony Lema as the only twice-consecutive runner-up. "It was a great feeling," said Haas. "I knew deep down I had the ability but I didn't know if I could handle the pressure. Maybe the second will come easier."

Final Leaders:

1. Jay Haas	72-64-72-70	278
2. Andy Bean	71-71-70-69	281
2. Gene Littler	73-68-68-72	281
2. John Schroeder	69-72-71-69	281
5. Fuzzy Zoeller	70-70-71-71	282

1979

January 25-28



Torrey Pines

\$250,000 total purse, \$45,000 first prize

Winner: Fuzzy Zoeller

76-67-67-72 - 282

There was a reason for Fuzzy Zoeller's 282 winning total: brutal winds and rain that hit Torrey the first and last days. On Thursday three flagsticks were blown out of holes on the South Course, six porta-johns were toppled and Zoeller wasn't alone at 76, which equaled the high start for a winner. Thirty-eight players failed to break 80 and three others withdrew after nine holes. The cut was 5 over par. Zoeller, who finished fifth in 1978, took the lead with 67 on Saturday. Tom Watson shot 71 and moved past 15 players Sunday to share second with three others including Wayne Levi, the only man to break 70. As hail pelted the course, Zoeller fled the 14th hole for the safety of the CBS trailer. "When I made the turn I figured nine pars would win it for me," said Zoeller, who bogeyed the first and birdied the last for his first win.

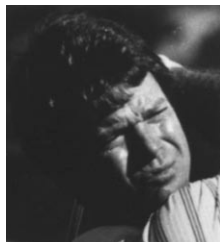
Final Leaders:

1. Fuzzy Zoeller	76-67-67-72	282
2. Billy Kratzert	73-68-72-74	287
2. Wayne Levi	79-68-72-68	287
2. Artie McNickle	73-71-71-72	287
2. Tom Watson	74-70-72-71	287

Tournament History

1980

January 24-27



Torrey Pines

\$250,000 total purse, \$45,000 first prize

Winner: Tom Watson

68-69-68-70 - 275

(won playoff on first playoff hole)

Wet weather had softened the greens and the tournament was decided in a playoff. This tournament set the precedent for virtually every one that followed through the rest of the decade. There were five playoffs in a seven-year span, and eight of the 10 wins were decided on the last hole by a single stroke. In his first start of the season, Tom Watson led Sunday morning. But D.A. Weibring, with whom Watson was paired for the first two days, came from five shots back with a birdie-eagle finish then waited for nearly 40 chilly minutes before Watson missed a 4-foot putt from a heelprint to bogey 18 and force a playoff. Watson won it with a par on the first extra hole. "He did have an emotional advantage but physically he didn't because he was cold," said Watson. "I did a stupid thing on 18. I was so angry I couldn't get cold."

Final Leaders:

1. Tom Watson	68-69-68-70	275
2. D.A. Weibring	66-71-73-65	275
3. Lon Hinkle	73-67-67-71	278
4. Keith Fergus	67-71-71-71	280
4. Andy North	70-71-70-69	280

1981

February 5-8



Torrey Pines

\$250,000 total purse, \$45,000 first prize

Winner: Bruce Lietzke

68-72-70-68 - 278

For the first time the tournament had a corporate title sponsor, making it the Wickes-Andy Williams San Diego Open (WAWSDO). Tournament director Jim Cook's son, John, won for the first time on Monday at Pebble Beach. The same rainy spell that delayed that event left Torrey's greens soft and bumpy, and coupled with cool, damp weather during the week there wasn't a lot of low scoring. Bruce Lietzke was five strokes off the lead going into the sixth hole Sunday but just two back after 13 and took the clubhouse lead with a birdie on 18. Raymond Floyd and Tom Jenkins joined him, Jenkins going out with a bogey on 15 and Lietzke winning with a birdie on 16. It was Floyd's second playoff loss at Torrey. "I've proved to myself that I can hold a lead," said Lietzke, who had done so for his first six wins. "Now I've proved that, at least once, I can come back."

Final Leaders:

1. Bruce Lietzke	68-72-70-68	278
2. Raymond Floyd	70-66-71-71	278
2. Tom Jenkins	65-72-71-70	278
4. George Burns	69-70-69-71	279
4. Gary Hallberg	67-72-73-67	279

1982

January 28-31



Torrey Pines

\$300,000 total purse, \$54,000 first prize

Winner: Johnny Miller

65-67-68-70 - 270

A couple of notable changes occurred this year. With a new emphasis on marketing, the WAWSDO attracted 19 of the 20 leading money winners from 1981, arguably its strongest field ever. It was the first year for the all-exempt tour, when the top 125 money winners from the previous year were exempt instead of only the top 60. And it was the first time the pairings were based on the exact order of finish after the second round. That meant second- and third-round leader Johnny Miller played with Tom Kite and Tom Weiskopf on Sunday. "Nicklaus really put it to me," said Miller, who birdied 15 and parred in three groups after Nicklaus set the course record with an eagle on 18 for 64 for a 269. "I wasn't worried about him because I didn't think anyone could shoot 64." The win completed the West Coast Slam for Miller.

Final Leaders:

1. Johnny Miller	65-67-68-70	270
2. Jack Nicklaus	69-68-70-64	271
3. Tom Kite	72-65-66-70	273
3. Tom Weiskopf	69-67-68-69	273
5. Curtis Strange	68-67-71-68	274

Tournament History

1983

February 17-20



Torrey Pines

\$300,000 total purse, \$54,000 first prize

Winner: Gary Hallberg

69-67-69-66 - 271

Gary Hallberg began a remarkable run at Torrey: in 12 consecutive rounds he had only two rounds in the '70s, won this year, lost a playoff in '84 and led the first two rounds in '86. Tom Kite led by three shots after two rounds and led by four shots Sunday when he played with Gil Morgan and Hallberg, who caught Kite on No. 7. Each made three birdies between 9 and 13 and went to 18 tied. Both laid up on 18, but Kite missed a 25-foot birdie and Hallberg made one from 7 feet. Winless in two years after earning enough money to qualify for tour membership without going to the Qualifying School, Hallberg said, "My heart was beating like never before. I was shaking so much that when I looked down I saw my putter was shimmying. I just stepped back and told myself to pull it back and let the momentum pull it through."

Final Leaders:

1. Gary Hallberg	69-67-69-66	271
2. Tom Kite	68-65-68-71	272
3. John Cook	71-65-71-67	274
3. Ben Crenshaw	66-70-70-68	274

1984

January 26-30



Torrey Pines

\$400,000 total purse, \$72,000 first prize

Winner: Gary Koch

68-70-69-65 - 272

This was one of those familiar garrison finishes where any of a number of players could have won and a least-likely candidate did. When Payne Stewart took the midway lead at 133, 32 players were within five shots of his lead, and the cut was an all-time tournament low, 3 under par. Stewart was 16-under Sunday morning, when 16 were within five shots. Gary Koch was one of seven players to be six back. Stewart dropped six shots in five holes starting at No. 10. Andy Bean, Dan Pohl and Don Pooley all made mistakes late. Nearly an hour after Koch finished, Gary Hallberg bogeyed the last hole to force a playoff. Koch won on the second extra hole with a par. "I can't emphasize enough how much I didn't think I had a chance to win the tournament," said Koch. "It really might have helped me."

Final Leaders:

1. Gary Koch	68-70-69-65	272
2. Gary Hallberg	72-66-66-68	272
3. Chip Beck	66-68-69-70	273
3. Dan Pohl	68-68-69-68	273
3. Craig Stadler	68-72-66-67	273

1985

February 14-17



Torrey Pines

\$400,000 total purse, \$72,000 first prize

Winner: Woody Blackburn

66-66-66-71 - 269

(won on fourth playoff hole)

A very strange week. San Diego mayor Roger Hedgecock's 13-count felony trial ended in a mistrial. And, despite rampant complaints about the miserable condition of the courses, records were set for low cut, 5 under par, and the 54-hole score, 18-under. Tommy Valentine shared the first-round lead on Valentine's Day, but after three 66s winless Woody Blackburn led Gary Hallberg and Ron Streck by one shot. Then the fun began. Vance Heafner triple-bogeyed 17. Dan Pohl bogeyed 17 and 18. Hallberg shot 75. Blackburn missed a 3-foot par on 18 to set up a playoff with Streck. They parred 15, bogeyed 16 and birdied 17 before Blackburn missed a 2-foot birdie but won with a par. "A lot of people would look at the last four or five years of my career and say, 'What the hell's he still doing playing out here?'" said Blackburn, who never won again. "It feels great to do what you're capable of doing."

Final Leaders:

1. Woody Blackburn	66-66-66-71	269
2. Ron Streck	67-66-66-70	269
3. Loren Roberts	65-68-69-68	270
4. Rex Caldwell	71-66-69-65	271
4. Dan Pohl	67-65-70-69	271

Tournament History

1986

February 6-9



Torrey Pines

\$450,000, total purse, \$81,000 first prize

Winner: Bob Tway

67-68-69 - 204

It was a year for firsts: Shearson signing as a sponsor, Bob Tway winning a tour event and, said tournament chairman John Brophy on Saturday when the place was inundated, "This is the first time in 35 years in San Diego that we've had a round rained out. I guess a 35-to-1 shot is bound to come in once in awhile." Larry Mize slept for two nights on a one-shot lead over Danny Edwards and Bob Tway. Six players held the lead on Sunday, but Paul Azinger dropped back when he doubled 16 and Tway fell into a playoff with Bernhard Langer when he bogeyed 17. They parred 15 before Langer 3-putted on 16 and Tway won. "Your first win is the biggest, and maybe it makes it easier for your next to come," said Tway, who would win three more times and become the PGA Player of the Year in his second tour season.

Final Leaders:

1. Bob Tway	67-68-69	204
2. Bernhard Langer	70-66-68	204
3. Paul Azinger	67-69-69	205
3. Mike Hulbert	69-69-67	205
3 Mark Lye	70-66-69	205

1987

February 12-15



Torrey Pines

\$500,000 total purse, \$90,000 first prize

Winner: George Burns

63-68-70-65 - 266

There were early signs that scoring would be low, but it took a late rush by George Burns to set the 72-hole record that still stands. Burns set the North Course record with a 63 on Thursday when 118 of the 156 players broke par. The next day, first Andy Bean and then Craig Stadler shot 62 on the North. David Edwards hit a driver 241 yards into the hole in 18 for the only double-eagle in tournament history and 70 of 83 scores were in the 60s. Craig Stadler thought he tied for third when he was disqualified for "building a stance" and signing an incorrect scorecard on Saturday. Burns caught leader Raymond Floyd on No. 10, then eagled 13 and 15 and parred in for a four-shot win. "He's caught me from behind about three times with very hot rounds," said Burns, who started two shots back. "I was kind of hoping to do it to him today."

Final Leaders:

1. George Burns	63-68-70-65	266
2. J.C. Sneed	64-69-66-71	270
2. Bobby Wadkins	68-66-67-69	270
4. Buddy Gardner	69-68-65-70	272
4. Pat McGowan	66-69-69-68	272

1988

February 18-21



Torrey Pines

\$650,000 total purse, \$117,000 first prize

Winner: Steve Pate

68-66-67-68 - 269

Steve Pate shot the second-best score in tournament history but needed a 6-foot birdie putt on the last hole to beat Jay Haas by one shot. Gil Morgan equaled the record with a 62 on the North Course on Friday, but in his tour debut, 17-year-old high schooler Phil Mickelson shot 74-71 to miss the cut by two shots. Twelve players were briefly tied for the lead Saturday, and 19 were within five shots of leader Brad Faxon Sunday morning. Haas eagled the last hole for the clubhouse lead at 270, and Pate, four groups behind, bogeyed 14 to fall into a tie. On 18 Pate drove into the right trees but still managed his winning birdie. "I played very well at the T of C," said Pate, 35 days after he had won the rain-shortened event at La Costa, "but it's a better feeling to come to the last hole and make a birdie to win it."

Final Leaders:

1. Steve Pate	68-66-67-68	269
2. Jay Haas	69-67-68-66	270
3. Gil Morgan	74-62-67-68	271
3. Joey Sindelar	68-67-68-68	271

Tournament History

1989

February 15-19



Torrey Pines

\$700,000 total purse, \$126,000 first prize

Winner: Greg Twigg

68-70-64-69 - 271

A rollicking decade of exciting finishes closed with an emotional one. Greg Twigg went to the 1988 qualifying school saying that if he didn't make it through he'd "go drive a beer truck for a living." He qualified 52nd and last. The former San Diego State golfer had played "hundreds of rounds" at Torrey, but never one like he would play on Sunday. A Saturday 64 put him two behind leader Steve Elkington. On Sunday, Elkington bogeyed holes 3, 4 and 5. Escondido's Mark Wiebe and Twigg shared the lead on holes 7 through 9, but when Twigg birdied 10 he had a lead he wouldn't relinquish. It was his only tour win and his were the first recorded tears of joy by a winner. "I'm proud of me," he said, "and I'm proud of all the people who said, 'Hey, you can do this,' when there were tough times and I wasn't sure I could."

Final Leaders:

1. Greg Twigg	68-70-64-69	271
2. Steve Elkington	70-63-67-73	273
2. Brad Faxon	67-69-69-68	273
2. Mark O'Meara	68-67-72-66	273
2. Mark Wiebe	68-65-70-70	273

1990

February 15-18



Torrey Pines

\$900,000 total purse, \$162,000 first prize

Winner: Dan Forsman

68-63-72-72 - 275

Early in the week, the PGA TOUR announced plans to build a TPC in San Diego as a venue that would replace Torrey Pines, although Tim Finchem, now the commissioner, did say, "If it doesn't happen in five years, it's probably not going to happen." Mark Brooks made nine birdies and an eagle on the North Course Friday for a record 61, but Dan Forsman's 63 there left him one shot off the lead as cold, wet winds moved in for the weekend. He took the lead Saturday when only two players broke 70. Tommy Armour III's rally short-circuited in midround and he finished two back. Forsman joined Jack Nicklaus as the only winner to shoot as high as 144 on the weekend. When he hit the final green, Forsman said, "That's when it sunk in. I was stunned. I thought, 'This is it, this is the day, you've done it... Peace, tranquility.'"

Final Leaders:

1. Dan Forsman	68-63-72-72	275
2. Tommy Armour III	66-66-73-72	277
3. Tom Byrum	70-71-69-68	278
4. Fred Couples	68-68-74-69	279
4. Steve Elkington	72-69-70-68	279

1991

February 14-17



Torrey Pines

\$1,000,000 total purse, \$180,000 first prize

Winner: Jay Don Blake

69-65-67-67 - 268

In Shearson Lehman's sixth and last year of sponsorship the purse went to \$1,000,000. Thursday was one Torrey's oddest days: the round was delayed three times as a heavy fog settled on the four ocean holes — 3 and 4 South, 6 and 7 North — while the rest of the course was sun-soaked. Leader Steve Pate was in the last group Sunday with Brad Faxon and Corey Pavin. Jay Don Blake was two shots back. Pate hit a 1-iron into the canyon from the left fairway bunker on No. 7 and made 7. Faxon sliced his second shot in the canyon and made 6. Meanwhile, Jay Don Blake was making birdie on No. 8 with a putter he had bought that Monday and strolling to his first win. "They say this is supposed to be fun, when you're playing well and winning a tournament," said an emotional Blake. "It's pretty nerve-wracking. I'm glad it's over with."

Final Leaders:

1. Jay Don Blake	69-65-67-67	268
2. Bill Sander	68-65-71-66	270
3. Dan Forsman	68-64-71-68	271
4. Ben Crenshaw	65-68-70-69	272

Tournament History

1992

February 20-23



Torrey Pines
\$1,000,000 total purse, \$180,000 first prize
Winner: Steve Pate

64-69-67 - 200

Buick took over sponsorship and once again a new host was greeted with a lost day. Players were sent out Saturday for a 1 p.m. shotgun start, which would have been a first on tour, but the impenetrable fog never lifted and the day was abandoned. The cut at 140 was the lowest of the year on tour, and 63 of 73 finalists shot at par or better. Steve Pate made a 15-foot birdie on 18 to lead Chip Beck by one while co-leader Mike Springer was making a triple bogey from the canyon on 17 to fall into tie for sixth place. It was the second time a birdie on the last hole gave Pate a one-shot win and made him the fifth two-time winner in 40 years. "There's no real explanation for it but I play well here whether my game's on or not," said Pate. "I didn't come in with great expectations this week and won."

Final Leaders:

1. Steve Pate	64-69-67	200
2. Chip Beck	70-65-66	201
3. Steve Elkington	65-68-69	202
3. Chris Tucker	67-65-70	202
3. Robert Wrenn	63-69-70	202

1993

February 18-21



Torrey Pines
\$1,000,000 total purse, \$180,000 first prize
Winner: Phil Mickelson

75-69-69-65 - 278

Following a Hollywood-like script, hometown boy Phil Mickelson won his first tournament as a professional with an ice-cold start and a red-hot finish. Thursday was arguably the most miserable day in tournament history, with cold, wet winds steady at 25-30 mph and gusting to 40. Mickelson's opening 75 on the South remains the second-highest start by a winner, but the average score on the South that day was 79, two shots higher than on the North. Dave Rummells led Mickelson by one on No. 9 Sunday after both birdied, but Mickelson made five birdies on the final nine for the day's best round and a four-shot win over Rummells. "I felt if I could light it up and get a couple of putts to drop," said Mickelson, "it would be my turn to win. I could close with a low score to win in college, but I hadn't proven that at this level."

Final Leaders:

1. Phil Mickelson	75-69-69-65	278
2. Dave Rummells	77-64-71-70	282
3. Payne Stewart	72-66-75-70	283
4. Jay Don Blake	73-75-70-67	285
4. Jay Haas	70-72-71-72	285

1994

February 24-27



Torrey Pines
\$1,100,000 total purse, \$198,000 first prize
Winner: Craig Stadler

67-67-68-66 - 268

Being the last stop on the West Coast really hurt the field, but on Wednesday Scott Simpson was more on target than he knew when he said, "Sure, as a San Diegan, I wish the field was stronger, but you know what? Somebody's probably gonna win the tournament on Sunday." For the second straight year it was a popular win, with another former San Diego Junior Golf Association (SDJGA) grad, Craig Stadler, taking the big prize. That came in his 17th appearance, breaking Billy Casper's record of 13 starts before his win, but it wasn't easy. Stadler was four behind leader Steve Lowery after the fourth hole Sunday, but he played 5 through 10 in 6 under par. He needed a birdie on 15 to regain the lead and on 17 to beat Lowery by one. "It's always special to win in a place where you've spent so much time," said Stadler. "This is very special."

Final Leaders:

1. Craig Stadler	67-67-68-66	268
2. Steve Lowery	67-68-66-68	269
3. Phil Mickelson	68-68-69-64	270
4. Hal Sutton	68-68-67-69	272
5. Mark Carnevale	67-69-70-67	273

Tournament History

1995

February 9-12



Torrey Pines

\$1,200,000 total purse, \$216,000 first prize

Winner: Peter Jacobsen

68-65-68-68 - 269

Six different players shared the lead through the first three days. On Sunday, Peter Jacobsen, direct from his win at Pebble Beach, saw his lead evaporate in the first three holes, but as he had done all week, he rebounded quickly with a birdie and was never headed after the fourth hole. "Every time he opened the door he slammed it shut," said fellow competitor Hal Sutton, who finished four shots back with Mike Hulbert and Mark Calcavecchia. "A bogey has a calming effect on me," said Jacobsen, who made only seven in four rounds and five times made a birdie one or two holes later. "If you're ever deluded into thinking how good you are, a bogey snaps you back into shape." Jacobsen went 37-under to become the sixth player in the decade to win consecutive events.

Final Leaders:

1. Peter Jacobsen	68-65-68-68	269
2. Mark Calcavecchia	71-67-67-68	273
2. Mike Hulbert	70-65-70-68	273
2. Hal Sutton	67-69-68-69	273
2. Kirk Triplett	69-69-66-69	273

1996

February 8-11



Torrey Pines

\$1,200,000 total purse, \$216,000 first prize

Winner: Davis Love III

66-70-69-64 - 269

For a long time it looked like yet another former SDJGA star would finally get a win at home. Lennie Clements, winless in 16 previous seasons on tour, set the 36-hole record at 129. There were 11 players within three shots Sunday morning, but he led alone, the first time he was ever in that position. Clements could manage no better than final 71, though, and finished three shots back. Bidding for a third straight tour win, Phil Mickelson briefly held the lead on the back nine but after a bogey on 16 finished second by two shots. Davis Love III, five groups ahead of the overnight leader, played the last six holes 4-under and wasn't caught. "If I was playing with Phil or Lennie, with their crowd, it would have been a lot tougher," said Love. "I was in a position where I could shoot a number and could get guys thinking about it coming in."

Final Leaders:

1. Davis Love III	66-70-69-64	269
1. Phil Mickelson	68-70-66-67	271
3. Lennie Clements	64-65-72-71	272
3. Marco Dawson	66-70-70-66	272
3. Tom Lehman	63-70-70-69	272

1997

February 6-9



Torrey Pines

\$1,500,000 total purse, \$270,000 first prize

Winner: Mark O'Meara

67-66-71-71-275

Even with firm greens and deep rough, Torrey looked defenseless early in the week. Ninety-six of 156 starters broke par on Thursday. That changed like the weather on the weekend. Only 26 of 78 finalists broke par on Sunday. Mark O'Meara, who had won his fifth title at Pebble Beach the week before, was looking for his sixth win in an event sponsored by a car-maker. "I'd have the grand slam of car tournaments," he said. "I haven't won a major yet, but this would be my major." O'Meara started Sunday two off Jay Don Blake's lead and didn't take the lead until 13. But with all the other leaders backing up, O'Meara's second consecutive 71 was good for a two-shot win over seven others. He gave himself a C grade in ballstriking but an A in the mental game, saying, "It showed me if you could hang tough mentally, you might get lucky and get a win."

Final Leaders:

1. Mark O'Meara	67-66-71-71	275
2. Donnie Hammond	73-67-68-69	277
2. Mike Hulbert	68-69-67-73	277
2. Lee Janzen	71-65-71-70	277
2. David Ogren	67-71-70-69	277

Tournament History

1998

February 5-8



Torrey Pines
\$2,100,000 total purse, \$387,000 first prize

Winner: Scott Simpson

69-71-64 - 204

While Casey Martin was in court looking for a way to use a cart on tour, the tour was in San Diego looking for a way to finish the tournament. Only two groups completed their rounds Friday before play was called due to inundated greens. By dark on Saturday, Steve Pate led at 12 under par but some players had one hole to play in their third round, others had 10. The tournament was cut to 54 holes on Sunday morning, when Scott Simpson was two back with just three holes to play. He birdied No. 7, bogeyed 8 and birdied 9 to get to 12 under, then waited 90 minutes before Skip Kendall finished his nine holes and caught him. Simpson won with a birdie on the first playoff hole, 18. "I didn't think the score would be good enough when I finished," said Simpson. "I was able to dodge a lot of bullets."

Final Leaders:

1. Scott Simpson	69-71-64	204
2. Skip Kendall	71-63-70	204
3. Davis Love III	62-73-70	205
3. Kevin Sutherland	68-67-70	205
3. Tiger Woods	71-66-68	205

1999

February 11-14



Torrey Pines
\$2,700,000 total purse, \$486,000 first prize

Winner: Tiger Woods

68-71-62-65 - 266

It had been nine months since his last win and all the pre-tournament talk was about Tiger Woods' "slump." And it didn't end when he made the cut by two shots and was in the first group off the 10th tee Saturday morning nine shots off the lead. "I thought 63 would go a long way," he said after his course record 62 gave him a one-shot lead. On Sunday, Billy Ray Brown was four behind Woods after four holes but battled back to share the lead with one hole to play. Brown's second shot on 18 dribbled into the rough beside the pond. Woods' second was a 176-yard 7-iron to 15 feet above the hole. Then he made the eagle putt to win by two and tie George Burns' tournament mark. "I told you it was just a matter of time," Woods told any doubters. "I think 17 under par on the weekend is pretty good."

Final Leaders:

1. Tiger Woods	68-71-62-65	266
2. Billy Ray Brown	69-65-68-66	268
3. Bill Glasson	68-67-68-67	270
4. Chris Perry	66-69-72-66	273
4. Kevin Sutherland	68-68-67-70	273

2000

February 10-13



Torrey Pines
\$3,000,000 total purse, \$540,000 first prize

Winner: Phil Mickelson

66-67-67-70 - 270

This time Tiger Woods came to town fresh off a dramatic comeback win at Pebble Beach and in search of a seventh consecutive tour victory. No one had won six straight since Ben Hogan in 1948. Phil Mickelson, who started Woods' streak with a one-shot loss the previous August, shared the second-round lead and held it outright Sunday morning when Woods was six back. Leading by seven on No. 7, Mickelson made the first of two double-bogeys, and when Woods birdied 13 in front of Mickelson he shared the lead. But Mickelson birdied four of his last six holes to beat Woods and Shigeki Maruyama by four shots for his second Buick win. "I wasn't trying to hand it to him, even though it looked like it," said Mickelson. "I wasn't trying to end his streak; I was trying to win a golf tournament. He could have waited [to play] until Los Angeles next week when I'm not playing."

Final Leaders:

1. Phil Mickelson	66-67-67-70	270
2. Shigeki Maruyama	69-64-69-72	274
2. Tiger Woods	71-68-67-68	274
4. Davis Love III	65-71-69-70	275

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2001

February 8-11



Torrey Pines
\$3,500,000 total purse, \$630,000 first prize

Winner: Phil Mickelson

68-64-71-66 - 269

For the last three days this tournament pitted the previous week's winner at Pebble Beach, Davis Love III, against Phil Mickelson, whose chance to tie there ended in the Pacific Ocean on the last hole. They shared the midway lead at Torrey and Mickelson was two back on Sunday, one of 22 within four shots of Love. Love birdied the last two holes, and Mickelson and non-winner Frank Lickliter birdied 18 to set up a playoff. Love went out with a bogey on the second hole, No. 16. First Mickelson, then Lickliter, hit into the canyon on 17. The trees saved Mickelson's next drive to the left and he scrambled to make a double-bogey 6. Lickliter took three putts from 15 feet, the second from 4 feet, and made a triple-bogey to lose by one. "I thought I had thrown it away twice," Mickelson said. "I was very fortunate both times. Winning feels great. It doesn't matter how."

Final Leaders:

1. Phil Mickelson	68-64-71-66	269
2. Frank Lickliter	68-67-68-66	269
2. Davis Love III	65-67-70-67	269
4. Tiger Woods	70-67-67-67	271

2002

February 7-10



Torrey Pines
\$3,600,000 total purse, \$648,000 first prize

Winner: José Maria Olazábal

71-72-67-65 - 275

José Maria Olazábal was the winner in 2002 with a 13-under par score of 275. Olazábal earned a record \$648,000 for his efforts, finishing one shot ahead of Mark O'Meara and J.L. Lewis, who finished with scores of 276. Olazábal made the weekend play on the cut mark at one-under par 143 and played the week at 12-under par. "I was surprised to win considering the way I played early in the week. To be right on the cut line and win was very rewarding," said Olazábal, who finished tied for 13th in his only previous Buick Invitational appearance. Lewis' second place finish wasn't quite as rewarding. "I wasn't playing well, I was fighting my swing all week," said Lewis, who earned \$316,800 for his second place tie. Greg Chalmers had the low round of the tournament on Sunday with a nine-under par 63. Tiger Woods, who made the cut on the number with a birdie on the 18th hole Friday, compiled his fifth top-five finish in five trips to the Buick Invitational.

Final Leaders:

1. Jose Maria Olazabal	71-72-67-65	275
2. Mark O'Meara	67-69-70-70	276
2. J.L. Lewis	68-67-71-70	276
4. John Daly	69-70-68-70	277

2003

February 10-16



Torrey Pines
\$4,500,000 total purse \$810,00 first prize

Winner: Tiger Woods

70-66-68-68 - 272

This year's Buick Invitational marked Tiger Woods' return to competition after knee surgery three months before, and while no one doubted Tiger's abilities, not many expected the performance he put on. After a rain delay on Thursday, Tiger played 27 holes without pain in his knee and found himself in good position going into the weekend. "I answered my questions as to whether or not this knee would hold up for 72 holes. Played 27 on Friday and it was fine," said Tiger. On Sunday, Tiger sealed the deal with a shot that astounded everyone but him. Stuck behind a tree in the right rough on number 15, he decided to forget the safe route, and instead he stuck a four-iron 15 feet from the pin, setting up a birdie. Phil Mickelson, playing in the final group on Sunday with Tiger, watched his chances at victory slip away as he bogied two of the last four holes. Tiger summed it all up after his final round. "The fact that I went out there today and competed and beat everybody, that is a pretty great feeling, let me tell you."

Final Leaders:

1. Tiger Woods	70-66-68-68	272
2. Carl Pettersson	69-68-70-69	276
3. Brad Faxon	70-64-71-72	277
4. Phil Mickelson	69-68-69-72	278
4. Arron Oberholser	65-70-72-71	278

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2004

January 9-15



Torrey Pines

\$4,800,000 total purse, \$864,000 first prize

Winner: John Daly

69-66-68-75 - 278

John Daly won the 2004 Buick Invitational on the first playoff hole over San Diegoan Chris Riley and Luke Donald with a final round score of three-over-par 75 and a 10-under par score of 278. This was Daly's first win since his 1995 British Open victory. "This was my biggest win ever. Even bigger than the British Open title because of everything I've been through. It feels great. I just kept fighting and plugging forward" said Daly, who earned a record first prize of \$864,000 and his fifth victory. "I told my caddy if we have less than 275 yards to the front, I'm going to go for it." Daly made a birdie on the playoff hole after hitting his second shot on the par 5 18th hole into the back bunker and a wedge from 100 feet to six inches for birdie. Both Riley and Donald missed their birdie putts. "I played really well this week. To shoot 69 on the final day and get in the playoff and give myself a chance was great," said Riley.

Final Leaders:

1. John Daly	69-66-68-75	278
2. Luke Donald	69-69-71-69	278
2. Chris Riley	67-71-71-69	278
4. Thomas Bjorn	70-69-72-68	279
4. Phil Mickelson	74-69-69-67	279

2005

January 17-23



Torrey Pines

\$4,800,000 total purse, \$864,000 first prize

Winner: Tiger Woods

69-63-72-68 - 272

Tiger Woods captured his third Buick Invitational title with a 15-under-par score of 272 and a three shot win over Tom Lehman, Luke Donald and Charles Howell III.

Woods, earned \$864,000 for the victory and increased his tournament record total to \$2,939,000 in eight starts. Woods (1999, 2003, 2005) and Phil Mickelson (1993, 2000, 2001) are now the only players in tournament history to win three titles.

This win was Tiger 41st career PGA TOUR victory. His win passes Cary Middlecoff and moves into eighth place for all time PGA TOUR victories.

Woods was second in putting during the week with 26.5 per round and he was fourth in driving distance at 307.6 yards.

The final day of play included 31 holes of golf for Woods, due to the fog shortening for third round for the leaders.

Final Leaders:

1. Tiger Woods	69-63-72-68	272
2. Charles Howell III	72-67-64-72	275
2. Luke Donald	68-67-67-73	275
2. Tom Lehman	62-67-73-73	275
5. Bernhard Langer	69-69-67-72	277

2006

January 23-29



Torrey Pines

\$5,100,000 total purse, \$918,000 for first prize

Winner: Tiger Woods

71-68-67-72-278

Tiger Woods became the first player in Buick Invitational history to capture four tournament titles, with his other wins coming in 1999, 2003 and 2005. Woods earned a record \$918,000 and added to his career winnings of \$3,857,000 in nine tournament starts. The victory marked the 47th of his PGA TOUR career. In his nine appearances, he has nine top-10 finishes, including eight top-fives and six top-threes. "Well, this golf course, it's hard to go low here, it really is," said Woods, who now has a career playoff record of 9-1 and the first victory in a three-way playoff of his career. "It's hard to get the ball close to some of these pins. This week, it was one those weeks where either I hit it great or didn't or I didn't hit it at all," he continued. "It's exciting, I had the same thing happen last year, where I didn't really drive it good starting out and I got on the back nine and I piped it every hole. I kept telling myself it's the same like last year, you were in the same situation. Just try and put the ball in play and trust your swing."

Woods won on the second playoff hole over Jose Maria Olazabal and Nathan Green. "It was a very tricky putt down the hill very fast and right to left break," said Olazabal,

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who won the Buick Invitational in 2002. "You know, I had to make it so I decided that I was going to put less break on it and just hit it little firmer, but I didn't hit it firm enough. Torrey Pines is a great golf course where you have to play great golf." Tiger birdied the final hole in regulation to force the playoff with Olazabal and Green. Olazabal missed a four foot putt on the second playoff hole (16th) to allow Tiger to win the title.

Green made made a double bogey on the first extra hole to be eliminated from the playoff.

Woods, Green and Olazabal finished play at 10-under-par 278.

Green made his third career start and his second straight top-5 finish after finishing No. 18 on the Nationwide Tour money list last season.

The last tournament playoff was 2004 with John Daly winning the title over Luke Donald and Chris Riley.



Final Leaders:

1. Tiger Woods	71-68-67-72	278
2. Jose Maria Olazabal	67-70-69-72	278
3. Nathan Green	74-64-71-69	278
4. Jonathan Kaye	67-73-71-68	279
5. John Rollins	69-70-71-69	279
6. Lucas Glover	71-67-70-71	279
7. Arjun Atwal	70-67-71-71	279

2007

January 22-28

Torrey Pines

\$5,200,000, \$936,0000 first prize

Winner: Tiger Woods

66-72-69-66-273

Tiger Woods became the first player in Buick Invitational history to capture five tournament titles. Woods earned a record \$936,000 and added to his record amount of \$4,793,000 in 10 tournament starts. His two shot victory of 15-under-par 273 was his 55th of his PGA TOUR career. Woods also won in 1999, 2003, 2005, 2006 and 2007. In his ten appearances, he has ten top-10s, including nine top-fives and seven top-threes. This is the fifth time he won his first start of his 11 year career. In addition, Tiger has recorded 27 of 39 rounds in the 60s. his scoring average at the Buick Invitational is 68.46 and his progressive round-by-round scoring average gets better by the round—69.67, 68.22, 68.00 and 67.87.

Woods caught up to the leaders with a 3-wood from 276 yards to set up a 25-foot eagle putt on the ninth hole. He ended the hopes of Howell with a 9-iron to 2 1/2 feet on the 17th hole for birdie.

"It's just fun, fun to be there on the back nine on Sunday. That's why you bust your butt as hard as you do to be in that position, said Woods, who shot 6-under-par 66 during the final round. "I feel comfortable being there, been there enough times, and I've had success and also I haven't had success. You learn from both. I knew this golf course and how it plays



and the things I need to do to get it done. When you somehow pull it out, that what makes it so much more special."

This win by Tiger marked his 11th victory in California and he has won 55 out of 201 starts on his professional career.

"I just need to get better. That's the simple answer. I bogeyed the first hole, I bogeyed the 11th hole, there's two shots there," said Charles Howell won finished second in the 2005 Buick Invitational. "I mean, its just plain and simple. I've just got to get better. I drove the ball really well on the back nine. The stuff I'm working on is the right stuff. I've just got to better at doing it."

Final Round Leaderboard

1. Tiger Woods	66-72-69-66	273
2. Charles Howell III	70-64-73-68	275
3. Brandt Sneekeder	61-70-74-71	276
4. Bubba Watson	67-74-69-67	277
5. Mark Calcavecchia	66-74-68-69	277
6. Andrew Buckle	66-71-68-72	277
7. Bart Bryant	66-73-70-69	278
8. Jeff Quinney	64-74-70-70	278

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2008

January 21-27



Torrey Pines

\$5,200,000, \$936,000 first prize

Winner: Tiger Woods

67-65-66-71-269

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Tiger is now a career 42-3 (12 consecutive) when holding a share of the 54-hole lead. "I took a peek at the leaderboard once in a while," said runnerup Ryuji Imada. "Tiger was out of my reach. It didn't matter what he did today, he was going to win. You know 67 was the most I could get out of it today." His 19-under-par 269 was the largest margin (8 strokes) in tournament history and his best by three shots in his five wins since the South Course was redesigned in 2002.

Final Round Leaderboard

1. Tiger Woods	67S-65N-66-71	269
2. Ryuji Imada	69N-72S-69-67	277
3. Rory Sabatini	67N-75S-70-67	279
4. Stewart Cink	68N-69S-69-73	279
5. Justin Leonard	76S-68N-65-72	281
6. Phil Mickelson	70S-73N-68-71	282
7. Joe Durant	70N-70S-67-75	282



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History of Amateur Qualifying Tournament

Qualifying Score	Year	Qualifier	Tournament Score	Cut
72.....	1985	Dennis Paulson.....	74-71-145.....	139
71.....	1986	Pat Duncan	72-69-72-213.....	143
72.....	1986	Jason Bittick	80-73-153.....	143
68.....	1987	Dave Sheff.....	75-74-149.....	140
70.....	1987	Bob May	79-71-150.....	140
70.....	1988	Pat Duncan	73-75-148.....	141
71.....	1988	Phil Mickelson	74-71-145.....	141
68.....	1989	Steve Haase.....	69-72-79-75-295.....	141
71.....	1989	David Patchin.....	76-79-155.....	141
69.....	1990	Kemp Richardson.....	76-73-149.....	142
72.....	1990	Craig Anderson	81-73-154.....	142
69.....	1991	Jim Almand.....	74-74-148.....	140
71.....	1991	Keith Sbarbaro	71-72-143.....	140
68.....	1992	Kevin Riley.....	78-72-150.....	140
71.....	1992	Tom McGinnis.....	73-78-151.....	140
69.....	1993	Keith Sbarbaro	79-75-154.....	151
71.....	1993	Todd Demsey.....	80-74-154.....	151
69.....	1994	Charley Hoffman	74-76-150.....	141
71.....	1994	Bob Knee	76-74-150.....	141
70.....	1995	Ed Cuff	76-74-150.....	141
71.....	1995	Chris Riley	71-80-151.....	141
70.....	1996	Charley Hoffman	69-71-77-76-293.....	140
72.....	1996	Charlie Garza	80-80-160.....	140
71.....	1997	John Ray Leary.....	81-71-152.....	142
71.....	1997	Mike Samoles.....	73-82-155.....	142
71.....	1998	Charley Hoffman	74-74-148.....	142
72.....	1998	Magnus Carlsson	76-86-162.....	142
69.....	1999	Steve Messer	76-81-157.....	141
71.....	1999	Tim Mickelson	79-72-151.....	141
69.....	2000	Ron Won.....	76-77-153.....	142
70.....	2000	Russ Bloom	78-77-155.....	142
69.....	2001	Magnus Carlsson	76-76-132.....	141
70.....	2001	John Lieber.....	80-74-155.....	141
68.....	2002	John Lieber.....	74-77-151.....	147
68.....	2002	Mark Warman	75-73-148.....	147
73.....	2003	Scott Henderson.....	81-73-154.....	143
72.....	2003	John Witherall	81-84-165	143
70.....	2004	David Schnider.....	80-69-149.....	143
71.....	2004	Chris Heintz.....	72-73-145.....	143
68.....	2005	Steve Hakes	74-82-156.....	143
70.....	2006	Jay Choe.....	78-80-158.....	143
*67	2007	Tim Hogarth.....	71-71-142.....	141
68	2008	Kenny Kim.....	79-76-155.....	144
68	2009	Josh Anderson		

*Lowest score ¹ Pat Duncan tied for 50th place in 1986. The event was 54 holes due to cancellation on the third round due to rain. ² Steve Haase finished in 75th place in 1989.

³Charley Hoffman finished in 76th place in 1996.

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All-Time Top 25 Money Leaders

	Player	Total Earnings	Years Played
1	Tiger Woods	\$5,729,000	11
2	Phil Mickelson	\$2,297,739	19
3	Charles Howell III	\$1,173,981	6
4	Jose Maria Olazabal	\$1,167,168	6
5	John Daly	\$1,098,119	13
6	Luke Donald	\$1,003,828	5
7	Mark O'Meara	\$875,967	24
8	Davis Love III	\$856,114	12
9	Kevin Sutherland	\$783,488	13
10	Tom Lehman	\$725,524	15
11	Chris Riley	\$692,035	11
12	Ryuji Imada	\$672,596	4
13	Scott Simpson	\$649,824	27
14	Shigeki Maruyama	\$631,678	9
15	Stewart Cink	\$618,771	8
16	Carl Pettersson	\$596,140	6
17	Rory Sabbatini	\$588,326	10
18	Nathan Green	\$573,600	3
19	Craig Stadler	\$534,686	27
20	Mark Calcavecchia	\$516,275	14
21	Fred Couples	\$515,625	19
22	Steve Pate	\$502,641	19
23	Jay Don Blake	\$480,339	18
24	Brad Faxon	\$475,326	21
25	Frank Lickliter II	\$459,143	11



2008 Buick Invitational Highlights

First Round Highlights

Troy Matteson shot a first-round 65 on the more difficult South Course on Thursday. It is Matteson's lowest career score in nine career rounds at Torrey Pines. His previous best was last year's third-round 67, which put him at a T4 through three rounds. Matteson is the first player since 2000 to hold the first-round lead while playing on the South Course at Torrey Pines. "For me I probably won't top that for a while. Like I said, it's typically a golf course where most guys are just thinking if I can shoot even, 1-under, 2-under and then go to the North Course and really make up my numbers there," said Matteson. "So we're looking forward to going to that North Course after playing this one."

Playing in his 10th career PGA TOUR event, Brad Adamonis matched his PGA TOUR career best round from the opening of this year's Sony Open by shooting a 6-under par 66 and stood alone in second place.

Three-time defending champion Tiger Woods shot a 5-under-par 67. Woods has never held or shared the first-round lead in his previous ten starts at Torrey Pines. "It was actually pretty interesting today because a lot of pins were in the back and these greens were so soft. Every ball is just ripping back. You hit just little ones, 120-yard, 115-yard 9-irons, and they're still ripping back 10, 15 feet," said Woods, who is a five-time winner of the Buick

Invitational. "It was a little bit of a test out there, but I just had to keep patient."

Local players: Kevin Stadler shot a 4-under-par 68 on the North. Other local scores include Chris Riley, Jamie Lovemark and Todd Demsey all with 73's on the South. John Mallinger, 74 on the South; Pat Perez and Justin Hicks, 78s on the South and Peter Campbell, 80 on South.

First Round Notes:

- *The North Course played to a scoring average of 71.679. There were 16 rounds below 70, 50 below par or better and 28 rounds over par.*
- *The South Course played to a scoring average of 74.013. There were 4 rounds below 70, 20 below par or better and 57 rounds over par.*

Second Round Highlights

Three time defending champion Tiger Woods enters the third round of play with a four-shot lead over Kevin Streelman and five shots ahead of Stewart Cink. Woods, shot seven-under-par 65 on the North Course. His 4-stroke lead matches the largest 36-hole lead in the tournament's history (Ted Kroll, 1952 and Tommy Bolt, 1953). "They don't give away the trophy on Saturday afternoon. We still have 36 holes to play," says Tiger Woods. "I've gotten some pretty good breaks the past couple of days, some pretty good lies in the rough, and I've hit my irons well, and that's important. I've made a lot of putts. My

speed has been pretty good. I made a couple of good saves today for par, made a couple of six and seven-footers for par, which was nice."

"I was blessed to get in this week, first of all. I was last alternate. I was sitting on the putting green and they come up to me, it was about four minutes before my tee time and they said, here you go, you're on the first tee," said Kevin Streelman, who replaced Mathew Goggin as the third alternate. Streelman, who is ranked 1,114 in the Official World Rankings, was asked if he introduced himself to Tiger when they were on the putting green. "No, I was scared to do that."

The cut was 66 players at even-par 144. This week's field had 85 players that were at 1-over-par or better through 36 holes, all 85 players officially made the cut with 66 playing the final 36 holes. The 19 players tied for 67th earn \$9,880 in official money. Amateur Jamie Lovemark, who earned a sponsors exemption, made the cut which was his second straight at the Buick Invitational. The other local players to make the cut were Kevin Stadler and Phil Mickelson. Charley Hoffman, Chris Riley, Todd Demsey, Pat Perez, Peter Campbell and Justin Hicks all missed weekend play.

Second Round Notes

- *The North Course played to a scoring average of 71.403. There were only 16 rounds below 70, 26 rounds over par and 51 rounds par and below.*

- *The South Course played to a scoring average of 74.026. There were only 6 rounds below 70, 50 rounds over par and 28 rounds par and below.*

Third Round Highlights

Tiger Woods played the third round at the Buick Invitational at six-under-par 66 to increase his lead to eight shots over Stewart Cink who eagled the final hole and would play with Woods in the final group. Tiger's 18-under-par 198 ties Woody Blackburn's 1985 record on the "old" Torrey Pines South. "I just hope to keep playing well and we'll see what we can do," said Woods, who has won five Buick Invitationals. "We could have tough weather tomorrow so it might be tough out there. You have to keep grinding. I just really love this golf course."

"He's the best player we'll ever see. He makes it look easy and I learn from him every time I play with him," said Cink. "The weather is going to dictate everything tomorrow and it's going to be very tough." This will be the eighth time Tiger has entered the final round with a six-stroke or better lead. He is 7-0 and has extended his lead in five of those tournaments.

Joe Durant who registered a 5-under-par 67 had these comments about the world's top ranked player. "What can you say, Tiger plays great here. The course obviously sets up great for him. We're trying, but the guy is unbelievable," said Durant. "He's playing fantastic. Nothing else can be said."

Justin Leonard had the low round of the day, shooting 7-under-par

65. Leonard was asked his strategy heading into the final round down at least 10 strokes. "I think there are two tournaments tomorrow going on. There is really a tournament within the tournament. I'm going to try to win the tournament that Tiger Woods isn't playing in tomorrow."

Third Round Notes

- *In last two years, Tiger has won 15 of 31 starts (48.4 percent). Five different players (total of nine times) since 1970 have won seven or more times in a season. Woods has four of the nine.*
- *Tiger Woods and Stewart Cink both recorded only one bogey for the week at Torrey Pines. Woods posted a bogey on No. 16 on the South Course on Thursday, while Cink had a bogey at No. 4 on the South on Friday.*
- *This is the ninth time Tiger entered the final round with a six-stroke or better lead.*
- *Escondido native John Mallinger shot a 72 and was in 21st place.*
- *Amateur Jamie Lovemark of USC was 1-over, tied for 47th and Kevin Stadler was a 2-over-par tied for 53rd place.*
- *There were 8 rounds below 70, 26 rounds below par and 33 rounds over par.*
- *The course played at 72.303 scoring average.*

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Final Round Notes

- *Sunday's scoring average of 74.788 was the highest final-round average on the South Course since 1983 when the TOUR began keeping records. The only other time it has been above today's average on the South Course was in the first round of 1993 event when the average was 79.351. On that day, there were cold and wet conditions with steady winds at 30 mph.*
- *Phil Mickelson collected his first-top 10 of the season with his T6.*
- *The final round posted 50 rounds over par and five rounds over 80.*

Round by Round Scoring Averages

South Course

2008	74.013	74.026	72.303	74.788	73.801 (1.801)
2007	72.923	73.934	72.784	72.460	73.033 (+1.033)
2006	73.910	74.286	73.171	73.439	73.690 (+1.690)
2005	72.423	73.676	73.086	73.049	73.051 (+1.051)
2004	73.427	73.948	73.171	73.134	73.411 (+1.411)
2003	74.205	73.342	72.507	73.014	73.277 (+1.277)
2002	73.782	73.442	73.101	72.404	73.153 (+1.153)
2001	71.000	70.833	70.800	70.659	70.818 (-1.182)
2000	72.333	71.065	72.070	71.831	71.822 (-0.178)
1999	72.325	71.545	70.767	71.219	71.477 (-0.523)
1998	72.192	73.539	71.593		72.421 (+0.421)
1997	72.256	72.885	72.769	73.346	72.814 (+0.814)
1996	71.038	71.897	71.208	71.195	71.335 (-0.665)
1995	71.590	71.308	72.341	70.976	71.558 (-0.442)
1994	71.443	72.584	71.000	71.238	71.557 (-0.443)
1993	79.351	74.092	72.333	71.844	74.179 (+2.179)
1992	71.385	71.026	70.757		71.061 (-0.939)
1991	71.628	71.397	70.521	71.113	71.181 (-0.819)
1990	72.051	72.156	74.667	72.218	72.812 (+0.812)
1989	72.107	71.699	71.053	71.253	71.525 (-0.475)
1988	71.675	71.200	70.268	70.704	70.980 (-1.020)
1987	71.449	71.039	69.683	71.963	71.028 (-0.972)
1986	72.141	71.934	71.576		71.874 (-0.126)
1985	71.179	71.167	69.905	72.824	71.266 (-0.734)
1984	71.423	71.909	70.618	71.316	71.319 (-0.681)
1983	73.456	72.882	71.108	70.608	71.965 (-0.335)

North Course

2008	71.679	71.403	71.542	(-0.458)
2007	68.179	69.154	68.667	(-3.337)
2006	69.756	69.154	69.455	(-2.545)
2005	69.564	69.301	69.437	(-2.563)
2004	69.718	70.054	69.882	(-2.118)
2003	70.605	69.286	69.941	(-2.059)
2002	70.103	69.365	69.743	(-2.257)
2001	70.910	70.080	70.503	(-1.497)
2000	72.115	70.421	71.279	(-0.721)
1999	70.701	69.553	70.131	(-1.869)
1998	68.949	70.613	69.765	(-2.235)
1997	69.782	69.974	69.877	(-2.123)
1996	69.077	70.195	69.632	(-2.368)
1995	70.167	70.158	70.162	(-1.838)
1994	69.744	69.857	69.800	(-2.200)
1993	77.392	72.333	74.980	(+2.980)
1992	69.449	70.128	69.788	(-2.222)
1991	70.321	69.974	70.148	(-1.852)
1990	70.295	70.551	70.423	(-1.577)
1989	70.178	70.338	70.259	(-1.741)
1988	70.756	70.000	70.383	(-1.617)
1987	69.269	68.833	69.051	(-2.949)
1986	71.756	71.654	71.705	(-0.295)
1985	69.205	68.803	69.006	(-2.994)
1984	70.026	70.910	70.468	(-1.532)
1983	71.348	70.358	70.860	(-1.140)

Bold = High Scoring Average for that Round