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2015 The Greenbrier Classic Media Notes

Dates: July 2-5, 2015

Where: The Old White TPC; White Sulphur Springs, WV

Par/Yards: 34-36—70/7,287

Field: 156; **Format:** 72-hole stroke play

Purse: \$6,700,000; **Winner's Share:** \$1,206,000; **FedExCup points to winner:** 500

Defending Champion: Angel Cabrera

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How Angel Cabrera won The Greenbrier Classic in 2014

Billy Hurley III, who held the outright second- and third-round lead this week at The Greenbrier Classic, entered the final round with a two-stroke cushion over two-time Major Championship winner Angel Cabrera, but it was Cabrera who stole the show with a 6-under 64 (including a hole out for eagle from 176 yards on the par-4 13th hole). The 44-year-old native and resident of Cordoba, Argentina closed with weekend rounds of 64-64 to finish 16-under 264, two strokes clear of George McNeill.

2014 Final Results

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| Angel Cabrera | 68-68-64-64—264 (-16) |
| George McNeill | 70-67-68-61—266 (-14) |
| Webb Simpson | 71-69-67-63—270 (-10) |

More on Angel Cabrera

- Posted the fifth come-from-behind win in as many playings of The Greenbrier Classic (Stuart Appleby, Scott Stallings, Ted Potter Jr., Jonas Blixt, Cabrera).
- Win came in his 218th PGA TOUR start at the age of 44 years, 9 months and 24 days, making him the oldest winner of The Greenbrier Classic.
- Won for the third time on the PGA TOUR (2007 U.S. Open, 2009 Masters, 2014 Greenbrier Classic), but for the first time in a non-Major Championship.
- Won in first start at The Greenbrier Classic and was the oldest winner on TOUR during the 2013-14 Season.
- Joined Stuart Appleby (2010) and Jonas Blixt (2013) as international winners of The Greenbrier Classic.
- Played the par-3 18th hole 3-over this week, compared to 19-under on the other 17 holes.

FedExCup and The Greenbrier Classic

Nine of the top 25 in the FedExCup standings are in The Greenbrier Classic field, including No. 3 Bubba Watson, No. 7 Patrick Reed, No. 9 J.B. Holmes, No. 12 Robert Streb, No. 14 Kevin Kisner, No. 16 Paul Casey, No. 17 Steven Bowditch, No. 21 Bill Haas, No. 25 Sangmoon Bae.

A glance at the field

- Seven of the top 25 players in the Official World Golf Ranking: No. 3 Bubba Watson, No. 13 J.B. Holmes, No. 15 Patrick Reed, No. 18 Louis Oosthuizen, No. 23 Paul Casey, No. 24 Kevin Na, No. 25 Bill Haas.
- Past Greenbrier Classic winners: Scott Stallings (2011), Jonas Blixt (2013), Angel Cabrera (2014).
- 12 winners from 2014-15 season: Bubba Watson (2), Sangmoon Bae, Robert Streb, Nick Taylor, Patrick Reed, Bill Haas, James Hahn, Alex Cejka, J.B. Holmes, Steven Bowditch, David Lingmerth, Fabian Gomez.
- Players with the most TOUR wins: Tiger Woods (79), Vijay Singh (34), Davis Love III (20), Steve Stricker (12), Justin Leonard (12), Bubba Watson (8), Bill Haas (6), Rory Sabbatini (6).
- 12 Major Championship winners (30 wins): Tiger Woods (14), Vijay Singh (3), Angel Cabrera (2), John Daly (2), Bubba Watson (2), Keegan Bradley, Lucas Glover, Trevor Immelman, Justin Leonard, Davis Love III, Louis Oosthuizen, Webb Simpson.
- Three players in the field captured the Web.com Tour event held between 2004 and 2009 at the Pete Dye Golf Club in Bridgeport, W.Va.: D.A. Points (2004), Jason Gore (2005) and Tom Gillis (2009).

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Tiger Woods

Tiger Woods returns for his second start at The Greenbrier Classic (MC in 2012 with rounds of 71-69).

- With 14 major titles, he trails all-time leader Jack Nicklaus' 18 by four.
- Woods owns 79 TOUR wins, second only to Sam Snead's 82.
- Making his first start since missing the cut at the U.S. Open at Chambers Bay, which marked just his 13th missed cut in 308 professional starts on the PGA TOUR (one of which came at the 2012 Greenbrier).
- Woods is coming off of the highest opening 36-hole score of his career (156 at the U.S. Open).
- Of Woods' 37 competitive rounds on TOUR since the beginning of the 2013-14 Season, 25 have been over par.

Bubba Watson

Greenbrier resident Bubba Watson recently became the TOUR's fourth multiple winner of the season with his win at last week's Travelers Championship (previously won the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions).

- His win at the Travelers Championship was his eighth TOUR victory.
- Improved to five of six in playoffs, with the 2010 PGA Championship (Martin Kaymer) the only exception.
- Will be making his third start at The Greenbrier Classic (T16-2014, T30-2013).
- Owns eight scores in the 60s in as many rounds at The Greenbrier Classic.

Louis Oosthuizen

2010 Open Championship winner Louis Oosthuizen will be making his second start at The Greenbrier Classic, where four rounds in the 60s led to a T17 finish in 2013.

- Recently finished T2 at Chambers Bay in his bid to become the 19th player to win the Open Championship and U.S. Open during their career, with Rory McIlroy the latest to do so.
- His T2 finish at the U.S. Open marked his fourth top-10 finish in a major (1st-2010 Open Championship, T2-2015 U.S. Open, 2-2012 Masters, T9-2011 U.S. Open).
- Made back-nine charge during round four of the U.S. Open, carding a 29 (equaling lowest nine-hole score in U.S. Open history) that included five straight birdies (Nos. 12-16) and six in final seven holes (No. 18).
- Opened U.S. Open with 7-over 77, 12 strokes behind first-round leaders. His 199 total over the final 54 holes is the lowest in U.S. Open history, topping previous mark held by Kevin Chappell by three strokes.

Additional Player Notes

- Four-time TOUR winner Patrick Reed is making his third Greenbrier Classic start (T26-2014, MC-2013).
- Charles Howell III (T9-2010, T32-2011, MC-2012, MC-2013, T52-2014) played all 72 holes at the 2010 Greenbrier Classic without a bogey, the first to do so and not win since Bubba Watson at Tucson in 2006.
- Webb Simpson finished solo-third in 2014 for his third top-10 finish in five starts at The Greenbrier Classic (MC-2010, T9-2011, T7-2012, T41-2013, 3-2014).
- Cameron Tringale finished T4 in 2014 for his second top-5 finish in five starts at The Greenbrier Classic (MC-2010, T4-2011, T56-2012, T72-2013, T4-2014).

Miscellaneous Notes

- Number of players who posted all four rounds in the 60s: 2010 (46), 2011 (0), 2012 (14), 2013 (7), 2014 (8).
- The Greenbrier Classic set a new season-high in 2014 for most players to make the cut (89). The all-time record is 103 and shared by The Open Championship (1995) and the U.S. Open (1996). The record for a non-major is the 1991 Greater Hartford Open and the 2013 RBC Heritage with 91 players.
- Scoring average comparison: 2010 (68.536), 2011 (70.593), 2012 (69.781), 2013 (69.868), 2014 (70.101).
- The par-4 13th hole played the toughest during the four rounds in 2014 for the fifth straight season, yielding a 4.207 average. The par-5 12th hole was the easiest for the week, with a 4.616 average.
- Tournament 72-hole record: 258, Stuart Appleby (2010).
- Course record: 59, Stuart Appleby (final round, 2010)

Open Championship Qualifying Series (OQS)

- The Open Qualifying Series (OQS) is an international qualifying series involving events on the world's leading golf tours. Now in its second year, the OQS will play an integral role in determining the field for the Open Championship at St. Andrews on July 13-19.
- The Open Qualifying Series offers players the opportunity to qualify for golf's oldest major championship at events on the PGA TOUR, European Tour, PGA TOUR of Australia and Japan Golf Tour.
- Players on the PGA TOUR have the chance to qualify at three events: Travelers Championship, The Greenbrier Classic and John Deere Classic. The top four players, not previously eligible, who finish among the top 12 (and ties) at the Travelers Championship and The Greenbrier Classic will earn entry into The Open Championship. The top player among the top five (and ties) at the John Deere Classic qualifies. If there are ties for the final spot(s), qualifiers will be determined by Official World Golf Ranking.
- Last week at the Travelers Championship, four players qualified for The Open Championship: Brian Harman (3rd), Graham DeLaet (4th), Carl Pettersson (5th), Luke Donald (T7).

Additional Notes

The Old White TPC

- The Greenbrier's original of three courses, the re-named The Old White TPC, will host the fifth Greenbrier Classic. Originally designed by Charles Blair MacDonal in 1914, The Old White TPC has been restored to its original design by Lester George since the inaugural Greenbrier Classic in 2010. In addition to the restoration, the course now measures 7,287 yards, an increase of 256 yards from 2010.
- Lee Trevino recently became The Greenbrier's third Golf Professional Emeritus, taking over for Tom Watson who held the position since 2005. World Golf Hall of Fame member Sam Snead, the winningest player in PGA TOUR history, was the resort's pro for 29 years and served as Golf Professional Emeritus from 1993 until his death in 2002.
- The adjacent Greenbrier Course, built in 1924 and renovated by Jack Nicklaus in 1977, has played host to several professional golf events over the years, including the 1979 Ryder Cup (the first time players from continental Europe competed in the event, rather than just Great Britain & Ireland; the U.S. won) and the 1994 Solheim Cup (U.S. won). From 1985-87, The Greenbrier hosted a Champions Tour event, the Greenbrier American Express Championship, won by Don January (1985, '86) and Bruce Crampton ('87).

The Greenbrier Resort

- The Greenbrier is an award-winning resort located in the Allegheny Mountains of West Virginia.
- As a National Historic Landmark, The Greenbrier's classic architecture, interior design, scenic beauty and excellent amenities have hosted distinguished guests from around the world since 1778.
- The Greenbrier offers 721 rooms, guest/estate houses and more than 50 recreational activities, including three golf courses, indoor and outdoor tennis courts and a 40,000-square-foot spa.

Weekly Entertainment

In addition to championship golf, the Greenbrier will play host to two concerts during the week of The Greenbrier Classic. The two concerts at the West Virginia State Fairgrounds are open to anyone who has purchased a weekly badge:

- Keith Urban and The Band Perry on July 1
- Miranda Lambert and Blake Shelton on July 3.

How the Greenbrier Classic was won in 2013

In the final round of The Greenbrier Classic, Jonas Blixt fired a third-consecutive 67 to eliminate a four-shot deficit at the beginning of the day to Johnson Wagner, winning his second TOUR title (2012 Frys.com Open) by two strokes over Wagner, Steven Bowditch and Matt Jones. He became the second international player to win the event, joining 2010 champion Stuart Appleby.

How the Greenbrier Classic was won in 2012

Ted Potter Jr. entered the final round of the 2012 Greenbrier Classic trailing Webb Simpson by four strokes, but posted a 6-under 64 (including a birdie-eagle finish) to end regulation tied with Troy Kelly (66) at 16-under 264. Potter then birdied the third playoff hole (the par-3 18th) for his first-career PGA TOUR win. It marked the second playoff at The Greenbrier Classic (2011).

How the Greenbrier Classic was won in 2011

Playing in the final group and entering the final round trailing Anthony Kim by one stroke, PGA TOUR rookie Scott Stallings carded a final-round 1-under 69 at the 2011 Greenbrier Classic and then birdied the first extra hole to defeat Bill Haas and PGA TOUR veteran Bob Estes in a playoff. His first TOUR win came in his 21st career start.

How the Greenbrier Classic was won in 2010

Stuart Appleby shot a bogey-free 11-under 59 in his 381st TOUR start to win the inaugural Greenbrier Classic by one stroke over Jeff Overton, joining Al Geiberger, Chip Beck, David Duval and Paul Goydos as the only players to post a sub-60 round on the PGA TOUR, with he and Duval the only ones to perform the feat in a final round. Appleby played the final 39 holes without a bogey, ending the week with just one overall.