



**2015 Humana Challenge in partnership with the Clinton Foundation**  
*(The 10<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)*

La Quinta, Calif.

Jan. 19-25, 2015

Purse: \$5,700,000 (\$1,026,000 to the winner)  
 500 FedExCup points to winner

(PP) Palmer Private/PGA West  
 (NP) Nicklaus Private/PGA West  
 (LQ) La Quinta Country Club

Par/Yards: 72/6,950  
 Par/Yards: 72/6,924  
 Par/Yards: 72/7,060

**Final-Round Notes – Sunday, January 25, 2015**

*Weather: Mostly sunny with a high of 82 degrees. Winds NW 7-12 mph.*

**Final Leaderboard**

Position	Name	Score
1	Bill Haas	67-63-69-67—266 (-22)
2	Charley Hoffman	71-63-69-64—267 (-21)
	Brendan Steele	67-68-68-64—267 (-21)
	Sung Joon Park	68-67-67-65—267 (-21)
	Steve Wheatcroft	65-67-68-67—267 (-21)
	Matt Kuchar	65-64-71-67—267 (-21)

**Bill Haas**

With his great uncle and PGA TOUR legend Bob Goalby in the gallery, 2010 Humana Challenge champion Bill Haas fired a 5-under 67 to finish at 22-under-par 266 and win by one stroke over a handful of players. Sunday's final round featured a jam-packed leaderboard that saw as many as 13 players within one shot of the lead midway through the day. Haas, one of four 54-hole leaders, overcame an early bogey at No. 3 and added four birdies and an eagle the rest of the way. His birdie putt from 19' 10" on the 16<sup>th</sup> gave him a one-shot lead and he needed only two putts from 20 feet on the final hole for the win.

- Haas earns his sixth career PGA TOUR victory at the age of 32 years, 8 months and 1 day in his 269<sup>th</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR: 2010 Humana Challenge, 2010 Sanderson Farms Championship, 2011 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola, 2012 Northern Trust Open, 2013 Quicken Loans National and 2015 Humana Challenge.
- Bill's father Jay won his sixth career PGA TOUR event (of nine) in his 309<sup>th</sup> TOUR start.
- Haas extends his exempt status through the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season.
- Haas earns 500 FedExCup points to move up from No. 127 to No. 9 in the race for the FedExCup and now has 565,500 points. In 2014, it took 438 points to qualify for the PGA TOUR Playoffs for the FedExCup, 611 to qualify for Deutsche Bank Championship, 968 for BMW Championship and 1,769 for TOUR Championship.
- Haas, the 2011 FedExCup champion, earns a spot into the 2016 Hyundai Tournament of Champions.
- Having also won the Humana Challenge in 2010, Haas becomes the eighth player to win the event multiple times; Arnold Palmer (5), Billy Casper (2), John Mahaffey (2), Johnny Miller (2), Corey Pavin (2), John Cook (2) and Phil Mickelson (2).
- Haas widens the ratio of American-born players to win the Humana Challenge since 1990 to 23/26. The only international-born players to win in that time span have been Jesper Parnevik (2000), Mike Weir (2003) and Jhonattan Vegas (2011).
- 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 3-3-1-1.

R1:	9 of 14 fairways	15 of 18 greens	23 putts
R2:	12 of 14 fairways	16 of 18 greens	25 putts
R3:	8 of 14 fairways	16 of 18 greens	32 putts
R4:	8 of 13 fairways	14 of 18 greens	28 putts
Total:	37 of 54 (T29)	56 of 72 (T3)	108 (T23)



**Bill Haas**

Birthdate: 5/24/1982  
Birthplace/Resides: Charlotte, N.C./Greenville, S.C.  
Family: Wife, Julie; Bill, Jr.  
Height/Weight: 6-2/185  
Turned Pro: 2004  
Joined PGA TOUR: 2006

**Additional Bill Haas Notes:**

Haas had previously held a lead/co-lead after 54 holes five times. The two which resulted in victory were the 2010 Sanderson Farms Championship and 2013 Quicken Loans National.

In 2010, Haas began Sunday's final round one stroke back at the Humana Challenge, before a final-round, 8-under 64 resulted in a one-stroke margin of victory.

Haas has now made the cut in 10/11 starts in the Humana Challenge. In addition to his win in 2010, he finished T2 in 2011. He finished T18 in 2014.

Last season, Haas amassed five top-10 finishes, highlighted by a T2 finish at the Wyndham Championship. Haas finished last season ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in FedExCup points.

In the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season, Haas made 28 starts and missed no cuts. Following a wrist injury, incurred after a fall down stairs at the RBC Heritage, he withdrew from that event after the first round.

Haas was making just his third start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week, and first since a T48 at the World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions in November. Prior to that, he finished T22 at The McGladrey Classic.

Bill's father Jay was the leader headed into the final round of the Humana Challenge in 2002, before finishing T16.

**Charley Hoffman**

2007 Humana Challenge winner Charley Hoffman birdied his last four holes to post a bogey-free, 8-under 64 and finish T2 at 21-under.

En route to last year's T9 finish at the Humana Challenge, Hoffman opened with a bogey-free, 8-under 64 at La Quinta Country Club.

Hoffman was making his ninth start at the Humana Challenge, where he has now collected four top-10 finishes; 1<sup>st</sup>/2007, T8/2009, T10/2013, T9/2014, T2/2015.

Hoffman collected his third career PGA TOUR victory early in the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season at the OHL Classic at Mayakoba.

Hoffman was making his sixth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season and second in the calendar year. Before this week, he finished T14 at the Hyundai Tournament of Champions in the 34-man field.

**Brendan Steele**

With a bogey-free, 8-under 64 in the final round, Brendan Steele put himself into contention, finishing at 21-under 267 and tied for second.

Steele overcame a balky driver on the weekend and managed to post scores of 68-64 despite hitting only 5 of 13 fairways in each of the last two rounds.

Steele was making his fifth-consecutive start in the Humana Challenge, where he had not enjoyed much success. He missed the cut in 2011 and 2014, and finished T66 and T56 in 2012 and 2013, respectively.



Steele was making his fifth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season this week. Prior to the Humana Challenge, his only top-25 finish was a T21 at the Fry's.com Open in his first start of the season.

### **Webb Simpson**

Making his sixth start in the Humana Challenge, Webb Simpson closed with a bogey-free, 8-under 64 to get to 20-under 268 and a T7 finish. Simpson's best finish in the event is T5 in 2009.

Simpson was making his fourth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, with T4 honors at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open his best finish. Simpson was in defense of his title with that top-5 finish in Las Vegas.

Simpson has collected four PGA TOUR titles, most recently being the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open in the 2013-14 PGA TOUR Season.

Simpson hit 9/14 fairways in the final round (69.2 percent), his fewest of the week. He needed just 23 putts to complete his final round, his fewest of the week.

### **Matt Kuchar**

After a tough finish in round three, which included bogeys at Nos. 15, 17 and 18, Matt Kuchar rallied with a 5-under 67 left him in a five-way tie for second place, one shot behind winner Bill Haas.

With the exception of his bogey at No. 18 in round three, Kuchar played the par fives in 13-under this week. Of the 18 he played, Kuchar made 11 birdies, 2 eagles and 2 bogeys.

Kuchar played today's Palmer Private Course with 13 previous rounds and a scoring average of 68.875 on that layout under his belt.

Through 72 holes at this week's Humana Challenge, Kuchar is 14/20 for rounds in the 60s this season.

With a win, Kuchar would have become the second, consecutive player to follow a top-three finish one week with a victory the following week. After his playoff loss to Patrick Reed at the Hyundai tournament of Champions three weeks ago, Jimmy Walker claimed a nine-stroke win a week later at the Sony Open in Hawaii.

In nine starts at the Humana Challenge now, Kuchar has collected three top-10 finishes (T2/2015, T2/2010, T7/2011).

Kuchar was making his 330<sup>th</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR. He has seven wins, the last coming at the 2014 RBC Heritage. Including his win at Harbour Town, Kuchar collected an impressive 11 top-10 finishes last season. Rory McIlroy led the TOUR with 12.

### **Colt Knost**

Colt Knost reeled off four consecutive birdies on his front nine, Nos. 15-18, en route to a bogey-free, 9-under 63. At 19-under 269, Knost finished T10.

Knost's 63 in the final round ties his career-low round, posted in the fourth round of the Humana Challenge in 2009 (Nicklaus Private Course).

With opening rounds of 71-67-68, Knost began Sunday's final round T40.

This week's Humana Challenge was Knost's fourth start in the Humana Challenge, with his previous-best finish being a T25 in 2009.

Knost was making his 123<sup>rd</sup> career start on the PGA TOUR, where he remains in search of his first TOUR win. His best finish is 3<sup>rd</sup>-place honors at the 2012 RBC Heritage.

This marks Knost's third top-10 finish on the PGA TOUR; 3<sup>rd</sup>/2012 RBC Heritage, T3/2012 OHL Classic at Mayakoba.



### **Erik Compton**

Through 54 holes, double heart transplant Erik Compton's only bogey came at the par-3 12<sup>th</sup> in round one. He proceeded to play 50 holes before his second bogey of the week, No. 9 in Sunday's final round. Compton collected a total of just two bogeys in 72 holes.

Because of viral cardiomyopathy, Compton had his first heart transplant in 1992 and took up the game of golf as part of his rehabilitation. He underwent a second heart transplant in 2008, and five months later finished T60 at the Children's Miracle Network Classic on the PGA TOUR.

This marked Compton's fourth consecutive start in the Humana Challenge; 2015/T10, 2014/T69, 2013/MC, 2012/T42.

Playing in his 113<sup>th</sup> PGA TOUR event this week, Compton remained in search of his first TOUR win. His nearest miss came at last year's U.S. Open at Pinehurst, where he claimed a share of second place with Rickie Fowler.

The 2015 Humana Challenge was Compton's fifth start of the 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season, with his previous-best finish being a T28 at the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open.

In addition to his T2 finish at Pinehurst last season, Compton amassed top-5 finishes at the Arnold Palmer Invitational (T5) and Zurich Classic of New Orleans (T5). Prior to 2014, his only other top-10 finish since joining the PGA TOUR in 2012 was a T4 at the 2013 Honda Classic.

For the past four years, Compton has been partners with Donate Life America on the "Play Through with Erik Compton" campaign. "Play Through," aims to raise public awareness of organ donation and urge Americans to become organ donors.

### **Patrick Reed**

Defending Humana Challenge champion Patrick Reed could manage no better than a 1-under 71, putting him at 15-under 273 (T24). The only player to successfully defend his Humana Challenge title was Johnny Miller (1975-1976).

In Reed's two other starts at the Humana Challenge, he won in 2014 and missed the cut in 2013.

### **Phil Mickelson**

2002 and 2004 Humana Challenge winner Phil Mickelson posted back-to-back, 4-under 68s on the weekend to finish at 15-under 273 (T24).

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