



## GENESIS OPEN

### 2017 Genesis Open

(14<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

Pacific Palisades, CA  
Riviera Country Club

February 16-19, 2017

Purse: \$7,000,000 (\$1,260,000)

Par/Yards: 35-36—717/322

### Final-Round Notes – Sunday, February 19, 2017

*Weather: Mostly cloudy, with a high of 60. Wind SW 6-12 mph.*

Round three resumed at 6:50 a.m. and ended at 12:03 p.m. Final-round tee times are between 10:25 a.m. – 12: 15 p.m.

#### Final-Round Leaderboard

Dustin Johnson	66-66-64-71—267 (-17)
Thomas Pieters	70-68-71-63—272 (-12)
Scott Brown	68-68-69-67—272 (-12)

#### Dustin Johnson

A week after his third-place showing at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, Dustin Johnson parlayed a five-stroke lead beginning the final round of the Genesis Open into a victory of the same amount with his even-par 71. The win, his 13<sup>th</sup> on the PGA TOUR, comes in his 206<sup>th</sup> TOUR start at the age of 32 years, 7 months, 28 days.

#### Dustin Johnson's 13 PGA TOUR victories:

2008 – Turning Stone Resort Championship  
2009 – AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am  
2010 – AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am, BMW Championship  
2011 – The Barclays  
2012 – FedEx St. Jude Classic  
2013 – Tournament of Champions  
2014 – World Golf Championships-HSBC Champions  
2015 – World Golf Championships-Cadillac Championship  
2016 – U.S. Open, WGC-Bridgestone Invitational, BMW Championship  
**2017 – Genesis Open**

With his win at the Genesis Open, Johnson overtakes the No. 1 spot in the Official World Golf Ranking from Jason Day. Johnson becomes the 20<sup>th</sup> different player to achieve World No. 1 status.

With the victory, Johnson collects 500 FedExCup points and moves to No. 6 in the standings with 803 points.

With his win this week, Johnson joins Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer as players to have won at least once on the PGA TOUR each of their first 10 seasons on TOUR:

**Arnold Palmer:** 17 (1955-1971)

**Jack Nicklaus:** 17 (1962-1978)

**Tiger Woods:** 14 (1996-2009)

**Dustin Johnson:** 10 (2008-2016)

Before back-to-back bogeys at Nos. 15 and 16, Johnson was on pace to tie or break the 72-hole tournament record of 20-under 264, held by Lanny Wadkins from 1985.

Johnson was making his 10<sup>th</sup> start in the Genesis Open this week, where he has now collected an impressive seven top-10 finishes. In only the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am has he collected as many on the PGA TOUR.

Johnson's top-10 finishes at the Genesis Open: **1<sup>st</sup>/2017**, 4<sup>th</sup>/2016, P2/2015, 2<sup>nd</sup>/2014, T4/2012, T3/2010, T10/2009. The largest margin of victory at the Genesis Open is nine strokes (Phil Rodgers/1962/Rancho Municipal GC). The tournament record for largest margin of victory at Riviera Country Club is seven strokes (Lanny Wadkins/1985, Doug Tewell/1986).

Johnson's five-stroke win is the largest margin of victory on the PGA TOUR since Justin Thomas won this season's Sony Open in Hawaii by seven strokes.

Johnson's bogey at the ninth hole in round four was his first in 50 holes. His only previous blemish came at the par-3 fourth hole in round one (began his round on No. 10).

En route to the win this week, Johnson led the field in driving distance (315.3 yards) and greens in regulation (56.72 percent).

Since 2008, no one has more rounds of 67 or better at Riviera CC than Dustin Johnson. In 36 rounds played at Riviera, he has played 13 of them at 67 or better. The next nearest player on the list is J.B. Holmes, with nine.

With a final-round 71, Johnson's streak of consecutive sub-70 rounds at the Genesis Open ended at nine, matching the record set by J.B. Holmes (last three rounds of 2009, 2010, first two rounds of 2011)

Dustin Johnson 54-hole leads on the PGA TOUR (72-hole events only)\*

Tournament	54-hole status	Final Round	Finish
<b>2017 Genesis Open</b>	<b>5 over Bryan</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>Won (5 over Pieters/Brown)</b>
2016 BMW Championship	3 over Casey	67	Won (3 over Casey)
2015 U.S. Open	4-way tie	70	T2
2014 Tournament of Champions	Tie w/ Simpson/Spieth	73	T6
2013 WGC-HSBC Champions	5 over Poulter	66	Won (3 over Poulter)
2011 WGC-Cadillac Championship	2 over three players	71	2
2010 U.S. Open Championship	3 over McDowell	82	T8
2010 AT&T Pebble Beach	Tie w/ Goydos	74	Won (1 over Duval/Holmes)

\*Three of Johnson's wins when holding a lead/co-lead after 54 holes were a result of the final round being cancelled due to weather and Johnson being declared the winner by virtue of his 54-hole lead; 2013 Tournament of Champions, 2011 The Barclays, 2009 AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am.

Johnson, who finished round three late Sunday morning, birdied his last three holes en route to the 64. He turned around 20 minutes later to begin the final round, when he promptly birdied his first two holes, totaling five straight.

Johnson's five-stroke lead after 54 holes marked the largest at the Genesis Open since Steve Stricker led by six strokes in 2010.

Johnson becomes only the eighth 54-hole leader of the Genesis Open to convert for the win since 2000. Since 2010, the four to have done so are Steve Stricker (2010), Aaron Baddeley (2011), Bubba Watson (2016) and Dustin Johnson (2017).

Johnson becomes the sixth (of 14) 54-hole leader/co-leader to go on to win this season. Jordan Spieth was the most recent at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am last week.

2016-17 starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 5-3-3-1

PGA TOUR career starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 206-164-72-13

#### **Johnson's Statistics By Round:**

R1: 8/14 fairways, 13/18 greens, 26 putts

R2: 8/14 fairways, 15/18 greens, 29 putts

R3: 6/14 fairways, 15/18 greens, 27 putts

R4: 7/14 fairways, 13/18 greens, 32 putts

#### **Johnson's Strokes Gained Summary (week):**

Off-the-Tee +5.207 (1<sup>st</sup>)

Approach-the-Green +3.268 (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Around-the-Green +0.658 (43<sup>rd</sup>)

Putting +7.363 (3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Total +16.496 (1<sup>st</sup>)**

**Full name:** Dustin Hunter Johnson  
**Height:** 6-4     **Weight:** 190  
**Birthday:** June 22, 1984  
**Birthplace:** Columbia, South Carolina  
**Residence:** Myrtle Beach, South Carolina  
**Family:** Son; Tatum (1/19/15)  
**Turned professional:** 2007

### **Thomas Pieters**

Playing on a sponsor invitation, Belgium's Thomas Pieters made eight birdies, including one from 15 feet on the 72<sup>nd</sup> hole, en route to a final round, bogey-free 63, good for a career-best T2 finish at 12-under 272. The 63 matches the lowest score of the week (Wesley Bryan/R3).

With his two-way tie for second, Pieters collects 245 non-member FedExCup points, taking his total to 306. Pieters, who will compete in this week's The Honda Classic and the World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship the following week, requires an additional 13 points to match the points earned by the player at No. 150 in last season's FedExCup standings (319 by Greg Owen) to become eligible for Special Temporary Membership to the PGA TOUR.

Pieters was making his seventh career start on the PGA TOUR and has yet to miss a cut. This week's Genesis Open marks his first top-10 showing.

Pieters, 25, was selected by Darren Clarke to compete on last year's Ryder Cup team, where his 4-1 in his five matches became the best record by a European rookie in Ryder Cup history.

Pieters, who had received a sponsor invitation into this week's Honda Classic, will now play based on his top-10 finish at the Genesis Open. The sponsor invitation will be offered to another player.

Interestingly, while at the University of Illinois, Thomas won the 2012 NCAA individual title at Riviera Country Club and was the National Player of the Year

### **Scott Brown**

South Carolina native Scott Brown birdied two of his last three holes in the final round to post a 4-under 67 and finish at 12-under 272 and T2 with Thomas Pieters.

Brown was making his fourth start in the Genesis Open, where a T39 last year served as his best showing.

Brown, who joined the PGA TOUR in 2012, remains in search of his second career TOUR win and first since the 2013 Puerto Rico Open.

Having gotten off to a slower start than he wanted, this week's T2 finish marks his first top-30 showing in eight starts.

### **Wesley Bryan**

With his T5 finish at the Genesis Open, Augusta, Georgia native Wesley Bryan made a big move in the FedExCup standings, jumping from 154<sup>th</sup> to 88<sup>th</sup>.

Bryan followed his career-low, 8-under 63 in round three with a 1-over 72 in the found round to finish at 11-under 273. Bryan's 63 also tied the lowest round of the week (Thomas Pieters/R4).The two 63s this week were the lowest scores at the Genesis Open since Camilo Villegas opened with an 8-under 63 in round one last year.

Bryan began the second round T20 at 4-under 138.

Bryan, who led the 2016 Web.com Tour Regular Season and Finals money lists, won three times on that Tour last season.

Bryan was making his ninth start of the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season this week and was coming off four missed cuts in his last five starts.

### **Justin Rose**

Beginning the final round on No. 10, England's Justin Rose closed with a 3-under 68 to claim a share of T4 with Wesley Bryan and Kevin Na at 11-under 273.

Rose was making his 11<sup>th</sup> start in the Genesis Open, with a T9 in 2011 his previous-best showing.

Rose is off to a solid start in the 2016-17 PGA TOUR Season. In four starts now, he has claimed three top-5 finishes in four starts; 2/Sony Open in Hawaii, T4/Farmers Insurance Open, T4/Genesis Open.

Rose was in search of his eighth career win on the PGA TOUR and first since the 2015 Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

### **Sahith Theegala**

Pepperdine University amateur golfer from Chino Hills, Calif., Sahith Theegala, 19, posted scores of 67-73-71-71—282 (-2) to finish T49.

Theegala won the Collegiate Showcase at Riviera on Monday of tournament week to earn a spot into this week's field. He shot a 2-under 69 to beat UCLA's Tyler Collier by one stroke. The sophomore has a team-best 70.78 scoring average after six events this season. Last summer, he made it to the quarterfinals of the U.S. Amateur at Oakland Hills. This is the third year of the Collegiate Showcase. Last year, Illinois' Charlie Danielson won, eventually finishing T72 in the Genesis Open. This week's Genesis Open was Theegala's PGA TOUR debut.

### **Additional Notes**

Jason Day, who will lose his World No. 1 ranking with Dustin Johnson's victory, could manage no better than an even-par 71 in the final round, good for a 2-over 286 total (T64). The last time Day made a cut in a non-major event on the PGA TOUR, but was unable to break 70 was at the 2016 World Golf Championships-Mexico Championship (72-74-71-71).

In 12 rounds now at the Genesis Open (four starts), Day has never posted a sub-70 score. This week marked his first start in the event since 2012.

2008 and 2009 Genesis Open champion Phil Mickelson closed with a 2-under 69 to finish at 4-under 280. Mickelson was making his 16<sup>th</sup> start in the Genesis Open this week.

Jordan Spieth eagled the par-5 17<sup>th</sup> hole en route to a final-round 2-under 69. At 6-under 278, he finished T22.

### **Bogey-free rounds:**

**R1:** Sam Saunders (64), John Huh (66), Daniel Summerhays (66), Branden Grace (67), Adam Hadwin (68), Adam Scott (68), Wesley Bryan (69) and Shawn Stefani (69).

**R2:** Cameron Tringale (64), Dustin Johnson (66), Kyle Stanley (66) and Charley Hoffman (68).

**R3:** Dustin Johnson (64), Kevin Na (67) and Seung-Yul Noh (67)

**R4:** Thomas Pieters (63), John Huh (69), and Billy Hurley III (69).

### **Scoring Averages:**

	<b>Front 9</b>	<b>Back 9</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>R1:</b>	34.993	36.000	70.993	----
<b>R2:</b>	35.261	36.355	71.66	71.304
<b>R3:</b>	34.761	35.704	70.465	71.130
<b>R4:</b>	34.507	35.915	70.423	70.874