

The Bear Trap (Holes 15-17 at PGA National) According to ShotLink

Holes 15 through 17 Combined

Since 2007, the Bear Trap (Holes 15, 16 & 17) has been among the toughest 3-hole stretches on TOUR (non-majors). These 3 holes at PGA National (Champion) rank as the 3rd toughest stretch on TOUR of courses that have been played in each of the last 9 years.

Toughest 3-Hole Stretches on TOUR (non-Majors) Since 2007-2016

Course	Holes	Average of Over / Under
Quail Hollow Club	16-17-18	0.916
Pebble Beach GL	8-9-10	0.706
PGA National (Champion)	15-16-17	0.641
PGA National (Champion)	5-6-7	0.618
Torrey Pines GC (South)	10-11-12	0.615
Muirfield Village GC	16-17-18	0.598

Since 2007, there have been 4,340 rounds played at PGA National during the Honda Classic. Here's a breakdown of how players do on holes 1 through 14 and 18 versus the bear trap (15 through 17).

The Bear Trap vs. The Rest of the Course (PGA National Since 2007)

Score	Holes 1-14,18	Holes 15-17
Birdies or Better	10,696	1,444
Bogeys	11,123	2,336
Doubles	1,593	751
Triples or Worse	206	116
Total Balls in Water	1,901	1,073
Total Score to Par	+4,101	+2,781

The Bear Trap accounts for 17% of all bogeys, 32% of all doubles, and 36% of all triples or worse at PGA National Champion Course.

The field is a combined +2,781 over par on holes 15 thru 17 since 2007 (+4,101 on all other holes).

Most Rounds Played on Bear Trap Without a Ball in the Water (2007-2016)

Player	Water	Rds
Thompson, Michael	0	18
Huh, John	0	14
Bradley, Michael	0	12
Knox, Russell	0	12
Wheatcroft, Steve	0	12
Lonard, Peter	0	10
Mickelson, Phil	0	10
Pernice Jr., Tom	0	10
Brown, Scott	0	9

Since 2007, there have been 1,073 balls in the water on the 3-hole stretch of the Bear Trap. 455 different players have played at least 1 competitive round on the Bear Trap in the Honda Classic.

Since 2007, 346 of 455 (76%) players have hit at least 1 ball in the water on the Bear Trap.

There are currently 132 players that have played the Bear Trap at least once in competition without hitting a ball in the water. However, just 9 of those players have played 9 or more rounds at PGA National (listed to the left).

2013 Honda Classic champion Michael Thompson currently has the most rounds played (18) without recording a ball in the water on the Bear Trap.

From 2007-2016, 44 players (50 times) have managed to play holes 15-17 bogey-free in the same week. Graeme McDowell and Keegan Bradley are the only 2 players to accomplish this feat three times (Daniel Summerhays & Russell Knox 2 times).

Playing the Bear Trap Bogey-Free in all 4 Rds (Since 2007)

Year-Player	Birdies	Pars	Year-Player	Birdies	Pars
2016-Summerhays, Daniel	2	10	2013-McDowell, Graeme	1	11
2016-Stegmaier, Brett	1	11	2013-Marino, Steve	3	9
2016-Mickelson, Phil	3	9	2013-Estes, Bob	2	10
2016-McDowell, Graeme	2	10	2013-Compton, Erik	0	12
2016-List, Luke	2	10	2013-Bradley, Keegan	1	11
2016-Knox, Russell	3	9	2012-Taylor, Vaughn	2	10
2016-Hoge, Tom	1	11	2012-Overton, Jeff	2	10
2016-Fowler, Rickie	2	10	2012-McIlroy, Rory	3	9
2015-Watney, Nick	0	12	2012-Herron, Tim	5	7
2015-Summerhays, Daniel	2	10	2012-Harman, Brian	3	9
2015-Luiten, Joost	3	9	2012-Crane, Ben	1	11
2015-Hadwin, Adam	2	10	2012-Bradley, Keegan	2	10
2015-Blair, Zac	0	12	2012-Appleby, Stuart	1	11
2015-Berger, Daniel	5	7	2011-McDowell, Graeme	1	11
2015-Barber, Blayne	1	11	2011-Kuchar, Matt	2	10
2014-Merritt, Troy	1	11	2010-Ogilvie, Joe	1	11
2014-Koepka, Brooks	2	10	2010-Lowery, Steve	2	10
2014-Knox, Russell	3	9	2010-Jones, Matt	1	11
2014-Johnson, Zach	3	9	2009-Jimenez, Miguel A.	0	12
2014-Garcia, Sergio	1	11	2009-Jacobson, Freddie	2	10
2014-Bradley, Keegan	0	12	2008-Parnevik, Jesper	2	10
2013-Wilson, Mark	2	10	2008-Donald, Luke	5	7
2013-Stroud, Chris	0	12	2007-Villegas, Camilo	4	8
2013-Steele, Brendan	0	12	2007-Lickliter II, Frank	2	10
2013-Rose, Justin	3	9	2007-Barcelo, Rich	2	10

Most Rounds Played without a Birdie on The Bear Trap (2007-2016)

Player	Pars	Bogeys	Doubles+	Rounds
Simpson, Webb	17	4	3	8
Axley, Eric	15	7	2	8
Gamez, Robert	17	4	3	8
Blair, Zac	15	3	0	6
Faxon, Brad	11	5	2	6
Nitties, James	14	2	2	6
Purdy, Ted	13	3	2	6
Warren, Charles	9	6	3	6

Webb Simpson is 1 of 3 players who have played 8 rounds at PGA National. In his career on the Bear Trap, he's made 17 pars, 4 bogeys, and 3 double bogeys+. Webb Simpson, Eric Axley & Robert Gamez hold the record for most rounds played without recording a birdie on this 3-hole stretch.

Scoring Leaders - The Bear Trap (2007-2016 min of 4 rounds)

Player	RTP	Rounds
Knox, Russell	-7	12
Hadwin, Adam	-6	6
Berger, Daniel	-5	6
Pinckney, Scott	-5	6
Chopra, Daniel	-4	4
Bjornstad, Henrik	-4	6
List, Luke	-3	6
Luiten, Joost	-3	4
Noren, Alexander	-3	2
Harrington, Pdraig	-2	22
Merritt, Troy	-2	6
Green, Richard	-2	4
Veazey, Vance	-2	2
Christian, Gary	-2	4
Oberholser, Arron	-2	8
Loupe, Andrew	-2	4

No one (of players with at least 4 competitive rounds) has a better history on holes 15 thru 17 than Russell Knox (-7) since 2007.

Since 2007, 455 different players have at least 1 competitive round on PGA National during the Honda Classic. Just 37 of these players are under par for their careers on these 3 holes (8% of all players).

Highest Career Scoring - The Bear Trap (2007-2016)

Player	RTP	Rounds
Palmer, Ryan	38	28
Baird, Briny	29	20
Senden, John	25	28
Austin, Woody	24	18
DiMarco, Chris	24	13
Scott, Adam	23	10
Duval, David	23	14
Cink, Stewart	22	24
Kim, Anthony	22	18
Duke, Ken	21	22
Steele, Brendan	21	24
Curtis, Ben	21	18
Wagner, Johnson	20	24
Couch, Chris	20	14
Morin, Alan	20	16
Pettersson, Carl	19	30
Weekley, Boo	19	30

Ryan Palmer has played the Bear Trap at a combined 38 over par in his 28 rounds at PGA National Champion Course.

Since 2007, 392 of 455 players (86%) are over par on the Bear Trap in their respective careers.

26% of all players have career scores of 10 over par or worse on these 3 holes combined (121 total players).

**Scoring Leaders
15th hole (2007-2016)**

Player	RTP	Rds
Harrington, Padraig	-6	22
Summerhays, Daniel	-5	20
Huh, John	-4	14
Stanley, Kyle	-4	16
List, Luke	-3	6
Pinckney, Scott	-3	6
Knox, Russell	-3	12
Todd, Brendon	-3	10
Gallacher, Stephen	-3	6
Hadwin, Adam	-3	6
Hurley III, Billy	-2	8
Lonard, Peter	-2	10
Luiten, Joost	-2	4
Bae, Sangmoon	-2	8
Mahan, Hunter	-2	2
Herron, Tim	-2	24
Oberholser, Arron	-2	8
Chopra, Daniel	-2	4
Brown, Scott	-2	9
Berger, Daniel	-2	6
Poulter, Ian	-2	16
Heintz, Bob	-2	4
Campbell, Chad	-2	20

**Players with Multiple balls in the water in
Same Rd on 15th Hole (2007-2016)**

Year –Player-Rd	# of Times
2007-Coles, Gavin-3	4
2007-Garrigus, Robert-4	3
2008-Stroud, Chris-2	3
2011-Scott, Adam-1	2
2010-McIlroy, Rory-3	2
2016-Kim, Si Woo-3	2
2007-Wagner, Johnson-4	2
2016-Sabbatini, Rory-2	2
2008-Baird, Briny-4	2
2007-Kresge, Cliff-3	2
2008-DiMarco, Chris-1	2
2010-Curtis, Ben-1	2
2008-Ogilvie, Joe-1	2
2010-Overton, Jeff-1	2
2008-Ogilvie, Joe-2	2
2016-Scott, Adam-3	2
2013-Bowditch, Steven-1	2
2012-Knost, Colt-3	2
2013-Kelly, Jerry-2	2
2013-Mathis, David-1	2
2013-Mallinger, John-1	2
2008-Toms, David-2	2
2015-Schwartzel, Charl-1	2
2009-Petrovic, Tim-1	2
2010-Couch, Chris-2	2
2016-Rodgers, Patrick-2	2

At 6-under in 22 rounds, Padraig Harrington is the scoring leader on the 15th hole at PGA National.

**Balls in the Water
15th Hole Since 2007**

Year	Water
2007	37
2008	66
2009	49
2010	77
2011	60
2012	38
2013	48
2014	45
2015	48
2016	54
Total	522

There were only 37 balls in the water on the 15th hole in 2007 marking the fewest at this event since 2007.

**Most Balls in Water
15th Hole Since 2007**

Player	Water
Baird, Briny	7
Wagner, Johnson	7
Els, Ernie	7
Dufner, Jason	6
Austin, Woody	6
Mallinger, John	6
Walker, Jimmy	5
Scott, Adam	5
Maggert, Jeff	5
Couch, Chris	5
Stroud, Chris	5
Garrigus, Robert	5
Kelly, Jerry	5
Goosen, Retief	5
Stuard, Brian	5

**Closest to Pin on 15th Hole
Since 2007**

Year	Player	Rd	DTP
2012	Wilson, Mark	1	3"
2007	Couch, Chris	2	7"
2015	Horschel, Billy	2	9"
2012	Karlsson, Robert	1	11"
2010	Casey, Paul	2	11"
2012	Perry, Kenny	1	13"
2009	McIlroy, Rory	4	13"
2013	Grace, Branden	1	15"
2012	Kuehne, Hank	1	16"
2015	Weekley, Boo	1	17"
2012	Herron, Tim	4	18"

Bogey-Free on 15th Hole: Since 2007, just 18 of 278 players have played the 15th hole at least 6 times and have yet to record a bogey or worse.

**Most Rounds without a Bogey on 15th Hole
(6 or more rounds since 2007)**

Player	Birdies	Pars	Bogeys+	Rds
Johnson, Zach	0	12	0	12
Knox, Russell	3	9	0	12
Brown, Scott	2	7	0	9
Barber, Blayne	1	7	0	8
Clarke, Darren	1	7	0	8
Hurley III, Billy	2	6	0	8
Oberholser, Arron	2	6	0	8
Watney, Nick	1	7	0	8
Berger, Daniel	2	4	0	6
Blair, Zac	0	6	0	6
Gallacher, Stephen	3	3	0	6
Hadwin, Adam	3	3	0	6
List, Luke	3	3	0	6
Lynn, David	1	5	0	6
Merritt, Troy	1	5	0	6
Nitties, James	0	6	0	6
Pinckney, Scott	3	3	0	6
Price, Aron	0	6	0	6

Most 3-Putts or Worse on 16th Hole: Since 2007, there have been 175 three-putts or worse on the 16th hole at PGA National (most on any hole at this course). The 16th is also the only hole on PGA National with more than 3 four-putts (5 since 2007).

Holes with the Most 3-Putts (PGA National Since 2007)

Hole	3-Putts	4-Putts	3-Putts or worse
16	170	5	175
5	147	0	147
14	135	0	135
6	132	2	134

Scoring Leaders - 16th Hole Since 2007

Player	RTP	Rds
Els, Ernie	-5	30
Driscoll, James	-5	14
Taylor, Vaughn	-4	22
Donald, Luke	-3	24
Villegas, Camilo	-3	32
Chopra, Daniel	-3	4
Haas, Bill	-3	10
Christian, Gary	-3	4
Kohles, Ben	-3	4

Most Over Par - 16th Hole Since 2007

Player	RTP	Rds
Palmer, Ryan	+17	28
Parnevik, Jesper	+13	16
McNeill, George	+10	32
Andrade, Billy	+10	8
Points, D.A.	+10	24
Weekley, Boo	+9	30
Kirk, Chris	+9	20
Curtis, Ben	+8	18
Collins, Chad	+8	18
O'Hair, Sean	+8	26
DiMarco, Chris	+8	13
Levin, Spencer	+8	22

Total Balls in Water - 17th Hole Since 2007

Year	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Final Rd	Total
2007	15	5	3	2	25
2008	5	12	6	12	35
2009	26	19	7	1	53
2010	8	9	11	10	38
2011	32	23	9	1	65
2012	7	7	5	1	20
2013	2	3	3	2	10
2014	5	7	2	8	22
2015	8	17	3	4	32
2016	3	5	5	8	21
Total	111	107	54	49	321

In 2011, there were 437 total attempts on the 17th hole and 65 total balls in the water (15%). No other par 3 on the 2011 PGA TOUR had more total balls in the water. Last year there were 21 total balls hit in the water the fewest hit since 2013.

Scoring Leaders - 17th Hole Since 2007

Player	RTP	Rds
Jacobson, Freddie	-5	30
Knox, Russell	-3	12
Poulter, Ian	-3	16
Lingmerth, David	-3	14
Franco, Carlos	-2	4
Hadwin, Adam	-2	6
Lamely, Derek	-2	8
Bryant, Bart	-2	8
Barcelo, Rich	-2	8
Coles, Gavin	-2	4
Loupe, Andrew	-2	4
Bjornstad, Henrik	-2	6
Noren, Alexander	-2	2
Streb, Robert	-2	12
Perez, Pat	-2	4
Burgoon, Bronson	-2	4
Berger, Daniel	-2	6

Most Over Par - 17th Hole Since 2007

Player	RTP	Rds
de Jonge, Brendon	+14	30
Kim, Anthony	+14	18
Davis, Brian	+12	25
Johnson, Richard S.	+12	20
Herron, Tim	+12	24
Marino, Steve	+11	21
Duval, David	+11	14
Streelman, Kevin	+11	20
Henry, J.J.	+11	21
Cink, Stewart	+11	24
Sutherland, Kevin	+10	8
MacKenzie, Will	+10	26
Palmer, Ryan	+10	28
Westwood, Lee	+10	24

Highest Scores on the Bear Trap Since 2007

Year	Player	Hole	Rd	Par	Score	RTP
2007	Coles, Gavin	15	3	3	11	+8
2008	Stroud, Chris	15	2	3	9	+6
2007	Garrigus, Robert	15	4	3	9	+6
2011	Scott, Adam	15	1	3	8	+5
2015	Bae, Sangmoon	16	2	4	8	+4
2011	DiMarco, Chris	16	1	4	8	+4
2015	Homan, Wes	16	2	4	8	+4
2008	Yang, Y.E.	16	3	4	8	+4
2013	Mallinger, John	15	1	3	7	+4
2007	Kim, Anthony	17	4	3	7	+4
2010	Couch, Chris	15	2	3	7	+4
2016	Scott, Adam	15	3	3	7	+4
2011	Scott, Adam	17	2	3	7	+4
2010	Overton, Jeff	15	1	3	7	+4
2016	Marino, Steve	17	1	3	7	+4
2010	Byrd, Jonathan	17	2	3	7	+4
2012	Knost, Colt	15	3	3	7	+4
2016	Sabbatini, Rory	15	2	3	7	+4
2007	Sindelar, Joey	17	1	3	7	+4
2013	Mathis, David	15	1	3	7	+4
2016	Rodgers, Patrick	15	2	3	7	+4
2016	Kim, Si Woo	15	3	3	7	+4
2010	McDowell, Graeme	17	4	3	7	+4
2009	Petrovic, Tim	15	1	3	7	+4
2008	DiMarco, Chris	15	1	3	7	+4
2009	Byrd, Jonathan	17	1	3	7	+4
2012	Carballo, Miguel Angel	17	1	3	7	+4
2007	Wagner, Johnson	15	4	3	7	+4
2007	Kresge, Cliff	15	3	3	7	+4
2011	Ridings, Tag	17	2	3	7	+4
2008	Overton, Jeff	15	1	3	7	+4